

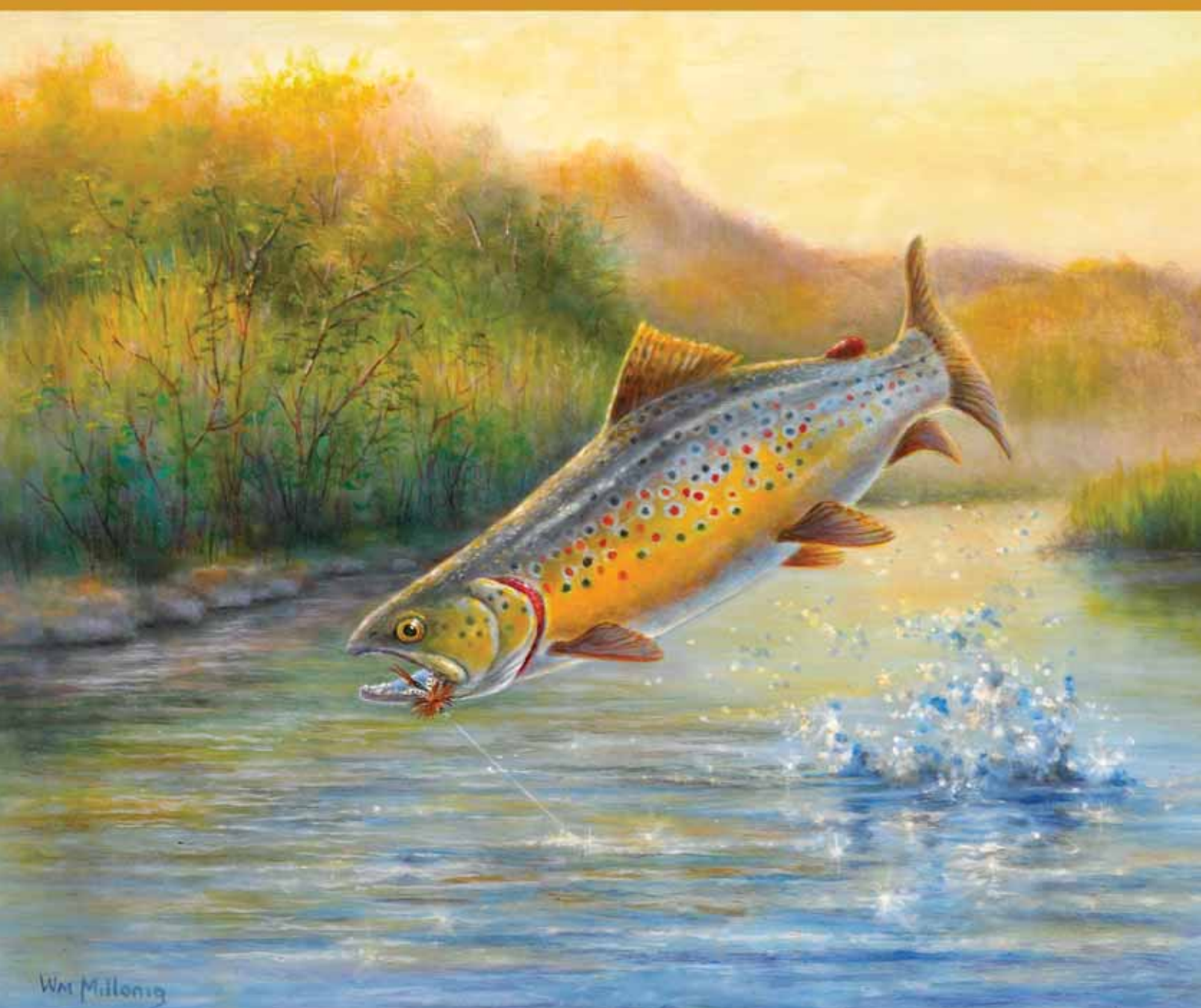


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# 2009–2010

# TROUT FISHING

## Regulations and Guide



Dear Trout Anglers,

Thank you for your support of our trout program by buying a fishing license and trout stamp. Your money goes to support trout management activities that improve your fishing experience.

We strive to use your money wisely to protect, restore, and improve Wisconsin's coldwater resources. While the fishing license money can be used for stocking, surveys, or other management activities, the trout stamp money is used only for stream and spring pond restoration or improvement. In 2007 we restored 18 miles and maintained 25 miles of trout stream. In addition we restored 1 spring pond and controlled beaver and removed beaver dams on about 750 miles of stream. Our trout stamp dollars will not stretch as far next year. We have spent down any surplus we had and are experiencing increased costs for gas, vehicles, heavy equipment, and supplies. The driftless area continues to benefit from its designation as a National Fish Habitat Project, receiving about a million dollars in federal funds for habitat for trout and wildlife species of special concern.

Again last year we experienced drought conditions in the north and early season floods in the southwest. While some streams were negatively impacted, even to the extent of cutting new channels, most our trout habitat held up well. This is because we have learned to reconnect streams to their flood plains, giving the water a chance to spill over their banks rather than erode them.

Besides the usual date adjustments, you will only see one change to the trout regulations this year: Long Lake in Waushara County has an extended season until March 2, 2010. We are planning to start the 10-year review of all our regulations this year. Contact me or your local fish biologist for input and expect to see changes by 2012.

During these challenging economic times I hope you find it relaxing to escape your daily routine and enjoy some time on Wisconsin's beautiful trout streams. As always we encourage you to take a kid or friend fishing and introduce them to a lifelong sport.

Sincerely,



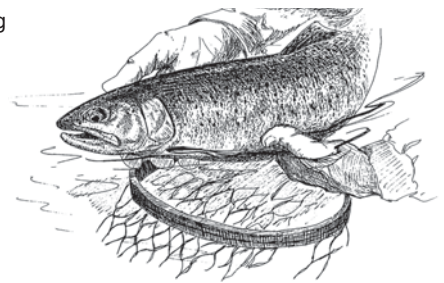
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### Practice these CPR steps to give the trout you release their best chance of survival

## Consider Proper Release

Survival of Re-  
leased Trout is in  
Your Hands

1. **Don't play fish to exhaustion.** Instead, use a landing net to bring fish under control before they're played out.
2. **Handle fish in the net.** Grasp them across the back and head for firm but gentle control.
3. **Turn fish belly up while removing hooks.** This disorients fish momentarily for easier, quicker handling.
4. **Don't remove swallowed hooks.** Just cut the line next to the fish's mouth.
5. **Don't keep fish out of the water more than 10-15 seconds.** Fragile gills are damaged after that, especially in cold weather.



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# Your Guide to Regulations and Better Trout Fishing

This guide is specific to inland (including streams that flow into the Great Lakes) trout fishing. For general fishing rules, which also apply to trout fishing, refer to the 2009–2010 Guide to Wisconsin Hook and Line Fishing Regulations (Publication FH-301 2009). The regulations in this pamphlet are effective March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010. Note: New rules prohibit transporting any live fish or water away from any water of the state. For more information, see the 2009-2010 Guide to Wisconsin Hook and Line Fishing Regulations. This pamphlet is a summary of Wisconsin's trout fishing laws and regulations. For complete fishing laws and regulations consult the Wisconsin Administrative Code of the Department of Natural Resources ([www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/nr/nr020.pdf](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/nr/nr020.pdf)).

## It is illegal

- to fish without a Wisconsin fishing license or stamp as required. You must have an inland trout stamp if you need a fishing license and intend to fish for trout in inland waters, including streams flowing into Lake Superior. You need a Great Lakes trout and salmon stamp to fish for trout and salmon in streams that flow into Green Bay and Lake Michigan from their mouths up to the first dam or lake (including specific waters listed above).
- to fish for any species of fish in trout streams when the trout season is closed except that rough fish may be taken by hand.
- to use or release minnows on rehabilitated trout lakes that are identified with posted signs.
- to possess any live bait or any other baits, hooks or lures other than artificial lures while on the waters, banks or shores of waters where only the use of artificial lures is allowed.
- to remove insect larvae from any trout stream or spring hole tributary to a trout stream for use or sale as bait except that a licensed angler may take insect larvae or nymphs from trout streams by hand during the open trout season for their immediate personal use as bait in the stream from which taken and all such larvae or nymphs must be returned to the stream prior to leaving the stream from which taken. By hand means no use of small seines or nets or other devices.

## Seasons and Possession Limits

- The **regular open season** for all waters, including lakes, is May 2 at 5:00 a.m. through September 30 except as listed in the specific waters listed by county.
- While on the water, bank, or shore you may only possess the number and size of fish allowed for that portion of water. You may fish more than one water in a day but may not possess more than the daily bag and size limits for the water you are on. The total number of fish you may have at home or camp from all waters fished is 10 trout, of which only 5 can be a combined total of browns and rainbows, except for streams that flow into the Great Lakes. For streams that flow into Lake Michigan and Lake Superior the possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.
- There is an **early catch and release season** for trout from March 7, 2009 at 5:00 a.m. until April 26 at midnight on the waters listed in 1 through 19 below:
- The daily bag limit and possession limit for trout during this period is 0 (all trout caught shall be immediately released) and only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used while fishing for any species of fish on trout streams during this early season. The early season does not apply to spring ponds, ponds, lakes, Lake Michigan tributaries, major Green Bay tributaries, all other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake, or streams flowing into Lake Superior and their tributaries upstream to the first impassable barrier.

## Early Season Streams Open

1. All streams in Adams, Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Dunn, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Ozaukee, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Racine, Richland, Rock, Rusk, St. Croix, Sauk, Sawyer, Sheboygan, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washburn, Washington, Waukesha and Wood Counties.
2. Ashland county—All streams except streams and their tributaries flowing into Lake Superior upstream to the first impassable barrier.
3. Bayfield county—All streams except streams and their tributaries flowing into Lake Superior upstream to the first impassable barrier and the White river and its tributaries upstream from Pike River Road bridge.
4. Douglas county—All streams except streams and their tributaries flowing into Lake Superior upstream to the first impassable barrier.
5. Florence county—Pine river.
6. Forest county—Peshtigo river downstream from U.S. highway 8, Pine river downstream from STH 55, and Rat river downstream from Scattered Rice lake.
7. Iron county—All streams except streams and their tributaries flowing into Lake Superior upstream to the first impassable barrier.
8. Langlade county—Wolf river.
9. Lincoln county—All streams west of STH 51 and Prairie river downstream from CTH J.
10. Marathon county—Black creek (mouth at T27N R7E S4), Black creek (T30N,R3E), Grass creek, McGinnes creek, Fourmile creek, Noisy creek, and Plover river from STH 29 downstream to STH 153.
11. Marinette county—North branch Peme Bon Won river downstream from STH 141, Peshtigo river upstream from CTH C, Pike river between CTH V and CTH K, and Rat river.
12. Marquette county—Chaffee creek downstream from CTH B, Klawitter creek, Lawrence creek, Lunch creek, Mecan river upstream from STH 22, Neenah creek, O'Keefe creek, Wedde creek and Westfield creek.
13. Oconto county—North branch Oconto river downstream from STH 64 and south branch Oconto river downstream from CTH AA.
14. Oneida county—All streams west of STH 51 and Bearskin creek.
15. Portage county—Ditches 1 through 6 downstream from Townline road and Tomorrow river from Amherst downstream to Durant road.
16. Shawano county—Middle branch Embarrass river from Homme dam to STH 29, north branch Embarrass river from Tilleda dam downstream to Leopolis dam and Red river downstream from lower Red Lake dam.
17. Vilas county—Mishonagon creek.
18. Waupaca county—North branch Little Wolf river from CTH P to CTH J, south branch Little Wolf river, and Waupaca river from Frost Valley road to STH 54.
19. Waushara county—Carter creek, Leola ditch, Mecan river downstream from 11<sup>th</sup> Road, Pine river downstream from CTH K to Poy Sippi pond, Roche-a-Cri creek, Willow creek from Blackhawk Road to 29<sup>th</sup> Lane, and White river from STH 21 to lower White River millpond.

## Lake Michigan Streams

Except as otherwise specified, all streams flowing into Lake Michigan and Green Bay have the following regulations from their mouths upstream to the first dam or lake; including the Little River from its confluence with the Oconto River upstream to the STH 141 bridge; the entire Kewaunee River and its tributaries except Little Scarboro Creek, Scarboro Creek, Roger Creek and Casco Creek; the Milwaukee River upstream to the Grafton Dam in the village of Grafton and tributaries of the Milwaukee River upstream to the first dam or lake; the Menomonee River upstream to the Lepper Dam in the village of Menomonee Falls and tributaries of the Menomonee River upstream to the first dam or lake; and the Pike River and its tributaries in Kenosha and Racine counties:

**Open season:** all year on Lake Michigan tributaries and the following stream sections of Green Bay tributaries: Duck Creek (Brown Co.), from the first dam above the Pamperin Park footbridge (Village of Howard) downstream to Green Bay; Suamico River (Brown Co.), from the CTH "HS" bridge downstream to Green Bay; East River (Brown Co.), from the CTH "XX" (Hoffman Road) bridge downstream to the Fox River; Little Suamico River (Oconto Co.), from the CTH "J" bridge downstream to Green Bay; Pensaukee River (Oconto Co.), from the CTH "J" bridge downstream to Green Bay; Oconto River (Oconto Co.), from the Stiles dam downstream to Green Bay; Little River (Oconto Co.), from the Highway 141 bridge downstream to the Oconto River; Little River (Marinette Co.), from the Rader Road bridge downstream to Green Bay; and Peshtigo River (Marinette Co.), from the Peshtigo dam downstream to Green Bay. (**NOTE:** there is no hook and line fishing allowed for any species on all other Green Bay and Fox River tributaries and ditches, including tributaries to the above streams, from their mouth up to the first dam or lake from the first Sunday in March to the first Saturday in May. The open season on other Green Bay tributaries is from the first Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March.

**Open season for lake trout:** March 1 through October 31 on Lake Michigan tributaries and the following stream sections of Green Bay tributaries: Duck Creek (Brown Co.), from the first dam above the Pamperin Park footbridge (Village of Howard) downstream to Green Bay; Suamico River (Brown Co.), from the CTH "HS" bridge downstream to Green Bay; East River (Brown Co.), from the CTH "XX" (Hoffman Road) bridge downstream to the Fox River; Little Suamico River (Oconto Co.), from the CTH "J" bridge downstream to Green Bay; Pensaukee River (Oconto Co.), from the CTH "J" bridge downstream to Green Bay; Oconto River (Oconto Co.), from the Stiles dam downstream to Green Bay; Little River (Oconto Co.), from the Highway 141 bridge downstream to the Oconto River; Little River (Marinette Co.), from the Rader Road bridge downstream to Green Bay; and Peshtigo River (Marinette Co.), from the Peshtigo dam downstream to Green Bay. The season for lake trout on all other Green Bay tributaries and ditches including tributaries to the sections of above named streams is the first Saturday in May to October 31.

**Daily bag limit:** 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 may be lake trout  
**Size limit:** 10"

**Hours:** From September 15 to May 2, hook and line fishing is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise in all tributaries except the Peshtigo River from the mouth upstream to the first railroad bridge and the Oconto River and its tributaries. This restriction does apply to the Little river downstream from Highway 141.

From September 15 to December 31, fishing by any method prohibited from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise on all tributaries and ditches to Green Bay and Lake Michigan including the Peshtigo River upstream from the first railroad bridge to the first dam, and the Little River downstream from Highway 141.

## Lake Superior Streams

*(all are located in Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas and Iron Counties)*

All streams flowing into Lake Superior have the following regulations from their mouths upstream to the first impassable permanent barrier unless listed in specific waters listed by county:

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30

Daily bag limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

## Size and Bag Limits

To determine the regulations where you will be fishing, follow these steps:

1. Find the county in which you intend to fish.
2. In the listing for that county, locate the lake or stream you intend to fish (listed alphabetically) to determine the regulation category.
3. If the lake or stream is not listed, refer to the category listed immediately following the county name for "all waters not listed."
4. Refer to the regulation key below to determine size and bag limits for categories 2-4. Read the special regulations if category 5 applies.

## Trout Regulations Key

The table below shows you the regulation categories that are listed in the specific waters listed by county. Each number (or color on the map) means a different size and bag limit.

Category Number	Category Color	Minimum Size	Daily Bag
2	Yellow	7 inches	5
3	Green	9 inches	3
4	Blue	Brown and rainbow trout—12 inches; Brook trout—8 inches	3
5	Red	Special regulations—size and bag limits vary by specific water—see specific waters listed by county	

## Abbreviations and Explanations:

- STH = state highway CTH = county highway  
USH = United States highway
- "Artificial lure" means a spoon, spinner, plug or other fish bait made of hair, feathers, cork, wood, rubber, metal, plastic or other synthetic materials, or combinations of these materials. An "artificial lure" may not include natural or organic food stuffs such as corn, marshmallows, dough, cheese, meat, living or dead organisms or parts thereof, except hair, feathers, cork, wood and rubber.
- Urban waters are lakes and ponds which are intensively and cooperatively managed with a municipality. They are posted with signs and have a large part of the shoreline open for public access. A complete list is available from the Southeast Regional office. Only persons under age 16 or who have certain disabilities may fish in urban waters from March 8 to April 25.
- Some waters have seasons, size and bag limits for trout, but are not designated trout streams.
- Most tribal or federal lands located within Native American reservations are not open for recreational use. Access to streams or lakes on Native American reservations must be with the permission of the landowner or from lands open to the public such as public roads. Entering or fishing from tribal lands could subject you to tribal or federal trespass laws.

# Specific Waters Listed By County

## ADAMS

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2
- BIG ROCHE A CRI CREEK—Big Roche a Cri Lake upstream to CTH W—Category 4
- DEEP LAKE—Category 3
- Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010
- EAST CASTLE ROCK DITCH—Category 3
- FAIRBANKS CREEK—Category 4
- FORDHAM CREEK—Category 5
- Daily Bag and Size Limit: 5 trout under 8", or 4 trout under 8" & 1 over 12"
- JORDAN LAKE—Category 3
- Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010
- LITTLE ROCHE A CRI CREEK—Category 5
- Daily Bag and Size Limit: 5 trout under 8", or 4 trout under 8" & 1 over 12"
- NEENAH CREEK (UPPER)—Category 5
- Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout
- Size Limit: 14"
- Gear Restrictions: Only artificial lures may be used
- PARKER LAKE—Category 3
- Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010
- WHITE CREEK (CAMPBELL)—CTH Z upstream to Easton dam—Category 5
- Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout
- Size Limit: 15"
- WOLF LAKE—Category 3
- Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

## ASHLAND

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Lake Superior that are not listed see the regulations under Lake Superior Streams on page 2.
- BAD RIVER—Downstream from Devil's Gate—Category 5
- Open Season: March 28 to November 15
- Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
- Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12" & rainbow trout 26"
- BEAVER LAKE—Category 2
- Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010
- BRUNSWEILLER RIVER—Downstream from STH 13—Category 5
- Open Season: March 28 to November 15
- Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
- Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12" & rainbow trout 26"
- CAMMERER LAKE—Category 2
- Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010
- DEVIL'S CREEK—Category 3
- FRAMES CREEK—Category 3
- MARENGO RIVER—Downstream from STH 13—Category 5
- Open Season: March 28 to November 15
- Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
- Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12" & rainbow trout 26"
- POLE LAKE—Category 2
- Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010
- POTATO RIVER—Category 5
- Open Season: March 28 to November 15
- Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
- Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12" & rainbow trout 26"
- SPRING BROOK—Category 3

- WABOO CREEK—Category 3
- WHITE RIVER—Downstream from White River dam—Category 5
- Open Season: March 28 to November 15
- Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
- Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12" & rainbow trout 26"

## BARRON

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2
- BEAVER DAM LAKE—Category 5
- Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout
- Size limit: 26"
- BRILL RIVER—Category 4
- CONNORS CREEK—Category 4
- HAY RIVER—Category 5
- Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout
- Size Limit 15"
- LITTLE GRANITE LAKE—Category 2
- Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010
- LITTLE VANCE CREEK—Category 4
- SOUTH FORK HAY RIVER—Category 4
- SILVER LAKE—Category 2
- Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010
- UPPER PINE CREEK—Downstream from Dallas Flowage—Category 4
- VANCE CREEK—Category 4

## BAYFIELD

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Lake Superior that are not listed see the regulations under Lake Superior Streams on page 2.
- BALSAM POND—Category 2
- May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, 2009. Closed in even-numbered years.
- BARK RIVER AND ALL ITS TRIBUTARIES—Category 5
- Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15
- Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15", only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout, and all brook trout caught shall be immediately released
- Size Limit: brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"
- BEAVER LAKE—Category 2
- May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, 2009. Closed in even-numbered years.
- BONO CREEK—Category 5
- Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15
- Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
- Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"
- BOYD CREEK—Category 5
- Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15
- Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
- Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"
- CAP CREEK—Category 5
- Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
- Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- CRANBERRY RIVER—Downstream from Lenawee Road (S28, T50N, R7W)—Category 5
- Open Season: March 28 to November 15
- Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
- Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"



FISH CREEK (NORTH FORK)—Downstream from Pine Creek (S13, T47N, R6W)—Category 5

Open Season: March 28 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

FLAG RIVER—Downstream from East Fork of Flag River—Category 5

Open Season: March 28 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

IRON RIVER—Downstream from the sea lamprey barrier at the former site of the Orienta Dam—Category 5

Open Season: March 28 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

IRON RIVER—Upstream from the sea lamprey barrier at the former site of the Orienta Dam—Category 3

IRON RIVER (EAST FORK)—Downstream from Sorenson Road—Category 3

LITTLE SIOUX RIVER—downstream from falls in NE1/4 of the NE1/4, S13, T49N, R5W—Category 5

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

LITTLE STAR LAKE—Category 2

May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, 2009. Closed in even-numbered years.

LONG LAKE BRANCH OF WHITE RIVER—Downstream from Taylor Lane—Category 5

Daily Bag and Size Limit: 3 trout over 9", only 1 brown trout over 15"

NAMEKAGON RIVER—Downstream to Pacawong dam (Sawyer County)—Category 3

NYMPHIA LAKE—Category 2

Closed in 2009. Open in even-numbered years only.

ONION RIVER—Downstream from Lake Superior district Power Company power line (S6, T49N, R4W)—Category 5

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

OVERBY LAKE (BLAISDELL LAKE)—Category 2

Closed in 2009. Open in even-numbered years only.

PERCH LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

PIKES CREEK—Downstream from the Red Dam—Category 5

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

PINE CREEK—Downstream from junction with Little Pine Creek (S11, T47N, R6W)—Category 5

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

SCHULTZ SPRINGS—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

SIOUX RIVER—Downstream from Big Rock Falls (S19, T49N, R4W)—Category 5

Open Season: March 28 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

SISKIWIIT RIVER—Downstream from second bridge from mouth (S35, T51N, R6W)—Category 5

Open Season: March 28 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

SPRING LAKE (S28, T44N, R9W)—Category 2

May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, 2009. Closed in even-numbered years.

WANOKA LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

WHITE RIVER—Upstream from Pikes Bridge—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30

WHITE RIVER—Downstream from Pikes Bridge to White River Dam—Category 5

Daily Bag and Size Limit: 3 trout over 9", only 1 brown trout over 15"

WHITE RIVER (EAST FORK)—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30

WHITE RIVER (SOUTH FORK & SPRINGS)—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30

WHITE RIVER (UNNAMED TRIBUTARIES)—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30

WHITE RIVER (WEST FORK)—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30

WHITTLESEY CREEK AND ALL ITS TRIBUTARIES—Downstream from Town Hall Road—Category 5

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15", only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout, and all brook trout caught shall be immediately released

Size Limit: brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

## BROWN

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Green Bay see regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on page 2.

HALLER CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: None

## BUFFALO

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3

CENTER CREEK—Category 4

GILMANTON POND—Category 2

LITTLE BEAR—Category 4

LITTLE BEAR (NORTH BRANCH)—Category 4

MIRROR LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

NEWTON VALLEY CREEK—Category 4

NORWEGIAN VALLEY CREEK—Category 4

OWEN VALLEY CREEK—Category 4

SPRING CREEK—Category 4

TAMARACK (MODENA) CREEK—Upstream from CTH J (S23, T23N, R12W)—Category 3

TRAVERSE VALLEY CREEK—Category 4

UNAMED CREEK 5-9—Category 4

WAUMANDEE CREEK (BIG)—Upstream from CTH U (S25, T22N, R11W)—Category 4

WAUMANDEE CREEK (LITTLE)—Upstream from CTH E at Cream—Category 4

WEISENBECK VALLEY CREEK—Category 4

## BURNETT

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

CLAM RIVER (NORTH FORK)—Washburn County line downstream to Clam Lake—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

CLAM RIVER (SOUTH FORK)—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

CLAM RIVER SPRINGS—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

INDIAN CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

KRANTZ CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

SAND CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

SPENCER CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

SPRING BROOK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

## CALUMET

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

ROUND LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

## CHIPPEWA

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 4

BIG ELK CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3

Size Limit: 8"

BRADLEY LAKE—Category 3

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

DARK LAKE—Category 3

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

DUNCAN CREEK—Upstream from Bloomer Dam—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout under 10", or 4 trout under 10" and 1 over 14"

DUNCAN CREEK—Downstream of Bloomer Dam—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3

Size Limit: 8"

Open for fishing warmwater fish consistent with warmwater seasons

ELK CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout under 10", or 2 under 10" and 1 over 14"

HAY CREEK (WOODMOHR TOWNSHIP)—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3

Size Limit: 8"

HENNEMAN LAKE—Category 3

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

UNNAMED CREEK 35-12—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout under 10", or 2 under 10" and 1 over 14"

UNNAMED CREEK 5-16—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3

Size Limit: 8"

UNNAMED CREEK 17-11—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3

Size Limit: 8"

UNNAMED CREEK 33-15—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3

Size Limit: 8"

## CLARK

ALL WATERS—Category 2

## COLUMBIA

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3

LODI SPRING CREEK—Lodi sewer plant downstream to first STH 113 bridge—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout

Size Limit: 15"

ROWLEY CREEK—Category 4

## CRAWFORD

ALL WATERS—Category 3

BOYDTOWN CREEK (S2, T7N, R4W)—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

BUCK CREEK (S22, T10N, R6W)—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

DUCHARME CREEK (S18, T18N, R6W)—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

PICATEE CREEK (S25, T8N, R7W)—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

UNNAMED CREEK 1-3 (S1, T7N, R7W)—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

UNNAMED CREEK 2-15 (S2, T9N, R6W)—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

UNNAMED CREEK 33-8 (S33, T9N, R6W)—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

## DANE

ALL STREAMS NOT LISTED—Category 3

ALL LAKES AND PONDS—Category 3—All Dane County lakes and ponds have an open season from January 1 to September 30

BLACK EARTH CREEK—Park Street immediately east of the village of Black Earth upstream to South Valley Road.—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

MOUNT VERNON CREEK—Posted area between CTH U and STH 92—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

## DODGE

ALL WATERS—Category 3

## DOOR

ALL WATERS—Category 2—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan and Green Bay see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.

## DOUGLAS

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Lake Superior that are not listed see the regulations under Lake Superior Streams on page 2.

**AMNICON RIVER—Downstream from Amnicon Falls—Category 5**

Open Season: March 28 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

**BRULE RIVER—Downstream from USH 2—Category 5**

Fishing hours: fishing prohibited from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise from March 28 to May 2 and from October 1 to November 15, and from 12:01 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. May 2

Open Season: March 28 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

**BRULE RIVER—CTH S downstream to CTH B—Category 5**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 10", brown trout 15", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

**BRULE RIVER—Remainder not covered above—Category 5**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

**BLACK RIVER—Downstream from Big Manitou Falls—Category 5**

Open Season: March 28 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

**EAU CLAIRE RIVER—Category 3**

**MIDDLE RIVER—Downstream from USH 2—Category 5**

Open Season: March 28 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

**NEMADJI RIVER—Downstream from Great Northern RR Bridge (S4,T47N,14W)—Category 5**

Open Season: March 28 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

**POPLAR RIVER—Downstream from USH 2—Category 5**

Open Season: March 28 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

**ST. LOUIS RIVER—Downstream from Wisconsin-Minnesota state line—Category 5**

Open Season: March 28 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

## DUNN

**ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 4**

**BIG ELK CREEK—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: 8"

**ELK CREEK—Category 5**

Daily Bag and Size Limit: 3 trout under 10", or 2 trout under 10" and 1 over 14"

**KNAPP POND—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: None

**PINE CREEK (LOWER AND SOUTH FORK LOWER)—Category 2**

**UNNAMED CREEK 17-11—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: 8"

## EAU CLAIRE

**ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2**

**ADAMS CREEK—Category 3**

**BEAR GRASS CREEK—Category 4**

**BIG CREEK—Category 3**

**BRIDGE CREEK—Including Rodell Millpond—Category 3**

**CLEAR CREEK—Category 4**

**COON CREEK—Category 4**

**DIAMOND VALLEY CREEK—Category 3**

**ELK CREEK—Category 5**

Daily Bag and Size Limit: 3 trout under 10", or 2 trout under 10" and 1 over 14"

**FALL CREEK—Including Fall Creek Pond—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 3

Size Limit: 8"

**GRAHAM CREEK—Category 4**

**LINDSAY CREEK—Category 3**

**LOWES CREEK—Category 3**

**OTTER CREEK—Category 3**

**PEESO (HOYTS) CREEK—Category 3**

**PINE CREEK (Town of Clear Creek)—Category 3**

**ROCK CREEK—Category 4**

**SWAN CREEK—Category 4**

**THOMPSON VALLEY CREEK—Category 3**

## FLORENCE

**ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2**

**ANNA LAKE—Category 2**

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**BRULE RIVER—Upstream from USH 2—Category 5**

Open Season: April 25 to September 30

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: brown trout 12", brook trout 8"

**BRULE RIVER—Downstream from USH 2—Category 5**

Open Season: April 25 to September 30

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 7"

**EDITH LAKE—Category 3**

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**FISHER LAKE—Category 2**

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**KEYES LAKE—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout and only 1 of which may be lake trout

Size Limit: brown trout 12", lake trout 26"

**LAMONTAGNE CREEK—Category 4**

**LOST LAKE—Category 3**

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**MONTGOMERY LAKE—Category 2**

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**PATTEN LAKE—Category 2**

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**PINE RIVER—Downstream from STH 139—Category 4**

**PINE RIVER FLOWAGE—Category 2**

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**SAND LAKE (T39N, R18E, S13)—Category 3**

**SOUTH RILEY LAKE—Category 3**

**WISCONSIN CREEK—Category 4**

**WOODS CREEK—Category 4**



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ALL WATERS—Category 3

## FOREST

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

BRULE CREEK—Downstream from Fishel Road (USFS ROAD #2193)—Category 4

BRULE RIVER—Category 5

Open season: April 25 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: brown trout 12", brook trout 8"

ELVOY CREEK—Downstream from Kaine Road (USFS ROAD #2461)—Category 4

ELVOY SPRINGS (S20, T41N, R13E)—Category 4

LITTLE CUB LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: none

LUCERNE LAKE—Category 5

Open Season: lake trout—May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, other trout—May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010.

Daily Bag Limit—lake trout 1, brown trout 2,

Size Limit: lake trout 26", brown trout 12"

PESHTIGO RIVER—Downstream from STH 8—Category 3

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, the following restrictions apply:

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: 9"

Open season: October 1 through November 15, the following restrictions apply:

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

## GRANT

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3

BIG GREEN RIVER—STH 133 upstream to CTH T—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

BIG GREEN RIVER—Upstream from CTH T—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be between 10" and 13"

BIG SPRING BRANCH—Downstream of Pine Tree Road—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout

Size Limit: 12"

BIG SPRING BRANCH—Pine Tree Road upstream to county line—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

BLUE RIVER—Biba Road Upstream to Snow bottom Road—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout

Size Limit: 12"

BLUE RIVER—Snow Bottom Road upstream to county line—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

CASTLE ROCK CREEK—Witek Road upstream to second CTH Q bridge—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

CASTLE ROCK CREEK AND SPRING—Church Road downstream to second CTH Q bridge—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

CROOKED CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be between 10" and 13"

DOC SMITH BRANCH—From Castle Rock Creek upstream to 0.5 mile upstream from Everson Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

GRANT RIVER—CTH A upstream to CTH K—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

LITTLE GRANT RIVER—Govier Road upstream to Milner Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

LITTLE PLATTE RIVER—Waterfall Road upstream to STH 80—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

MILLVILLE CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

SIX MILE BRANCH—Downstream from Pine Tree Road—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

## GREEN

ALL WATERS—Category 3

## GREEN LAKE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

GREEN LAKE AND ITS TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO FIRST DAM—Category 5

Open Season: lake trout—January 3 to September 30, 2009 (January 2 to September 30, 2010).

Other trout—May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010. It is illegal to fish through the ice using minnows (dead or alive or as cut bait) in water 50 or more feet deep (measured from surface to bottom)

Daily Bag Limit: 2 lake trout, 3 other trout

Size Limit: lake trout 17", other trout 14"

## IOWA

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3

BAKER CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

BIG SPRING CREEK—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

BLUE RIVER—County line upstream to 0.5 mile upstream of Blue River Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

CAVE HOLLOW CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

GORDON CREEK—West Moscow Road upstream to Brue Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: None

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

GORDON CREEK—Lowermost Brue Road upstream to Spring Creek Road—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

MILL CREEK—Mill Road downstream to CTH H—Category 5

Gear Restriction: None

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

OTTER CREEK—CTH II Upstream to Plank Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

OTTER CREEK—Upstream from Mt. Hope Road—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

POMPEY PILLAR CREEK—Downstream from CTH I—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

POMPEY PILLAR CREEK—Upstream from CTH I—Category 5  
 Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
 Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released  
 SMOKEY HOLLOW CREEK—Downstream from CTH P—Category 5  
 Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total  
 Size Limit: 12"  
 TROUT CREEK—Downstream of south line of S30, T7N, R5E—  
 Category 5  
 Gear Restriction: None  
 Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

## IRON

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Lake Superior that are not listed see the regulations under Lake Superior Streams on page 2.  
 BOOMER CREEK—Category 3  
 FLOOD CREEK—Category 3  
 FOURCHE CREEK—Category 3  
 GRAVEYARD CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES—Downstream from USH 2—Category 5  
 Open Season: March 28 to November 15  
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15", only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout, and none may be brook trout until November 15, 2011.  
 Size Limit: brook trout 8" on or after November 15, 2011, brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"  
 MONTREAL RIVER—Downstream from Superior Falls—Category 5  
 Open Season: all year  
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon  
 Size Limit: 10"  
 MONTREAL RIVER—Upstream from Superior Falls along Michigan boundary—Category 2  
 Open Season: April 25 to Sept. 30  
 ORONTO CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES—Category 5  
 Open Season: March 28 to November 15  
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout  
 Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"  
 PARKER CREEK—Category 5  
 Open Season: March 28 to November 15  
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout  
 Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"  
 PLUNKETT (SUGAR) LAKE—Category 2  
 Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010  
 WEBER LAKE—Category 2  
 Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

## JACKSON

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2  
 ALLEN CREEK—Category 4  
 BEAVER CREEK (NORTH FORK)—Category 4  
 BIG SLOUGH CREEK—Category 3  
 BUFFALO RIVER (NORTH FORK)—Category 4  
 BUFFALO RIVER (SOUTH FORK)—Category 4  
 CLEAR CREEK (SOUTH BRANCH ROBINSON)—Category 3  
 CURRAN COULEE CREEK—Category 3  
 DOUGLAS CREEK (SHAKE HOLLOW CREEK)—Upstream from Douglas Pond—Category 4  
 HALLS CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Category 4  
 HALLS CREEK (STOCKWELL CREEK)—Upstream from GB&W Railroad Crossing (S22,T23N,R4W)—Category 4  
 HALLS CREEK (WEST FORK)—Category 4  
 HOFFMAN POND—Category 2  
 LAKE LEE—Category 2

LAKE WAZEE—Category 5  
 Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010  
 Daily bag limit: 2 trout  
 Size limit: 12"  
 LEVIS CREEK—Downstream from West Line of S14, T21N, R3—  
 Category 4  
 OXBOW PONDS—Category 2  
 PIGEON CREEK (MILLSTON)—Category 3  
 PIGEON CREEK (NORTHFIELD)—Category 3  
 ROBINSON CREEK—Upstream from STH 27—Category 3  
 SCHERMERHORN CREEK—Category 3  
 SHAKE HOLLOW (NORTH BRANCH)(CREEK 30-15)—Category 4  
 SHAMROCK CREEK—Category 3  
 SQUAW CREEK—Category 3  
 STONY CREEK—Category 3  
 TANK CREEK—Category 4  
 TREMPPEALEAU RIVER—Davis Road upstream to South Lincoln Road—  
 Category 5  
 Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
 Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total, only 1 may be a brown trout  
 Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 10"  
 TREMPPEALEAU RIVER—Trempealeau County Line upstream to confluence of West, North, and South branches—Category 4  
 TREMPPEALEAU RIVER (NORTH BRANCH)—Upstream from Cain Road—Category 4  
 TREMPPEALEAU RIVER (NORTH BRANCH)—Downstream from Cain Road—Category 5  
 Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
 Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total, only 1 may be brown trout  
 Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 10"

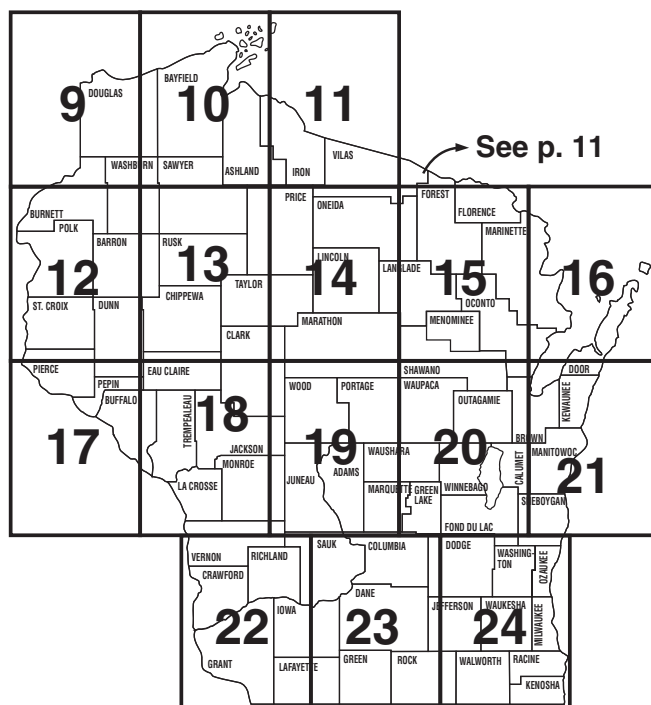
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The following maps are meant to be a general guide to help you locate trout waters. They do not include unnamed streams or all spring ponds. For exact boundaries of regulations and open seasons see the text of this pamphlet and observe signs posted on the waters.

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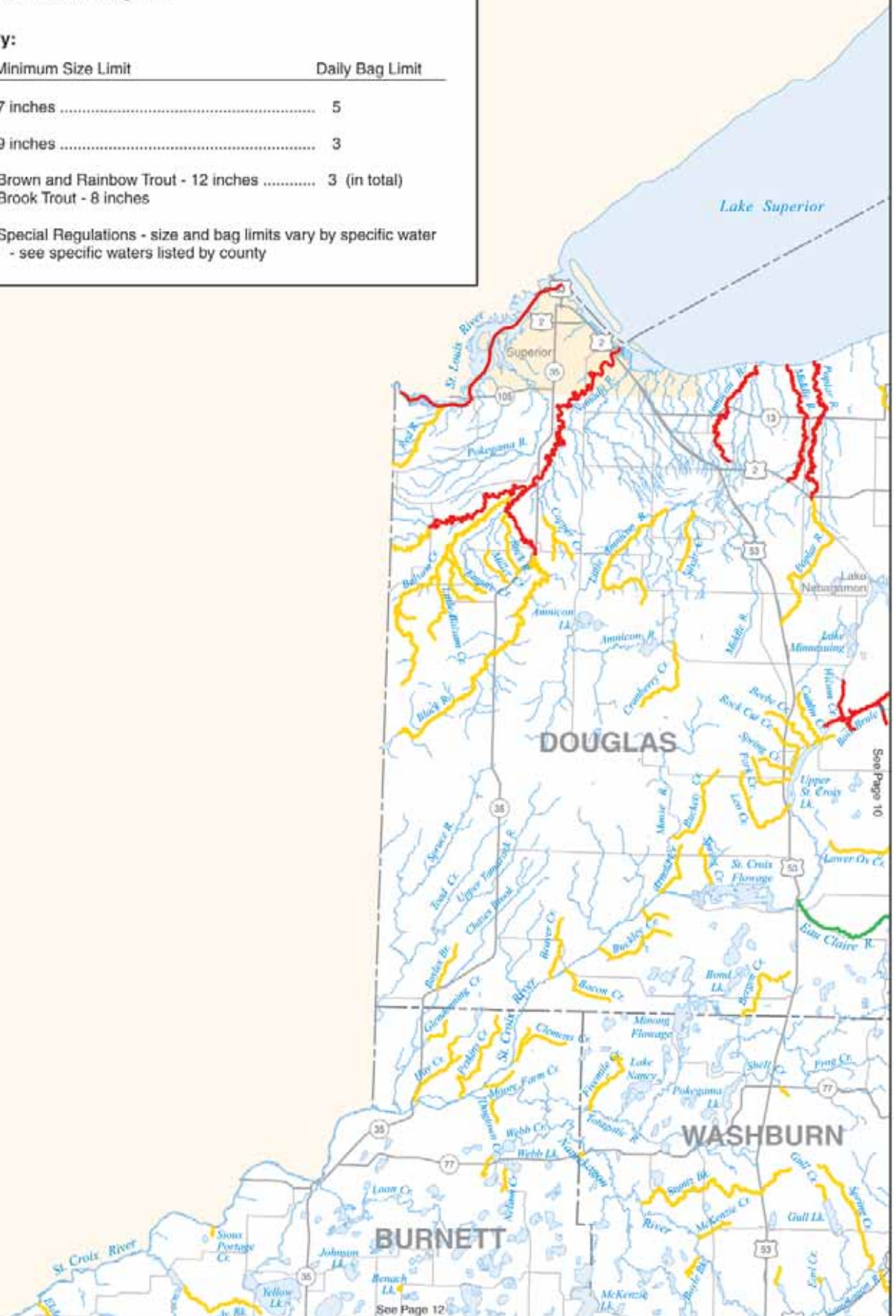


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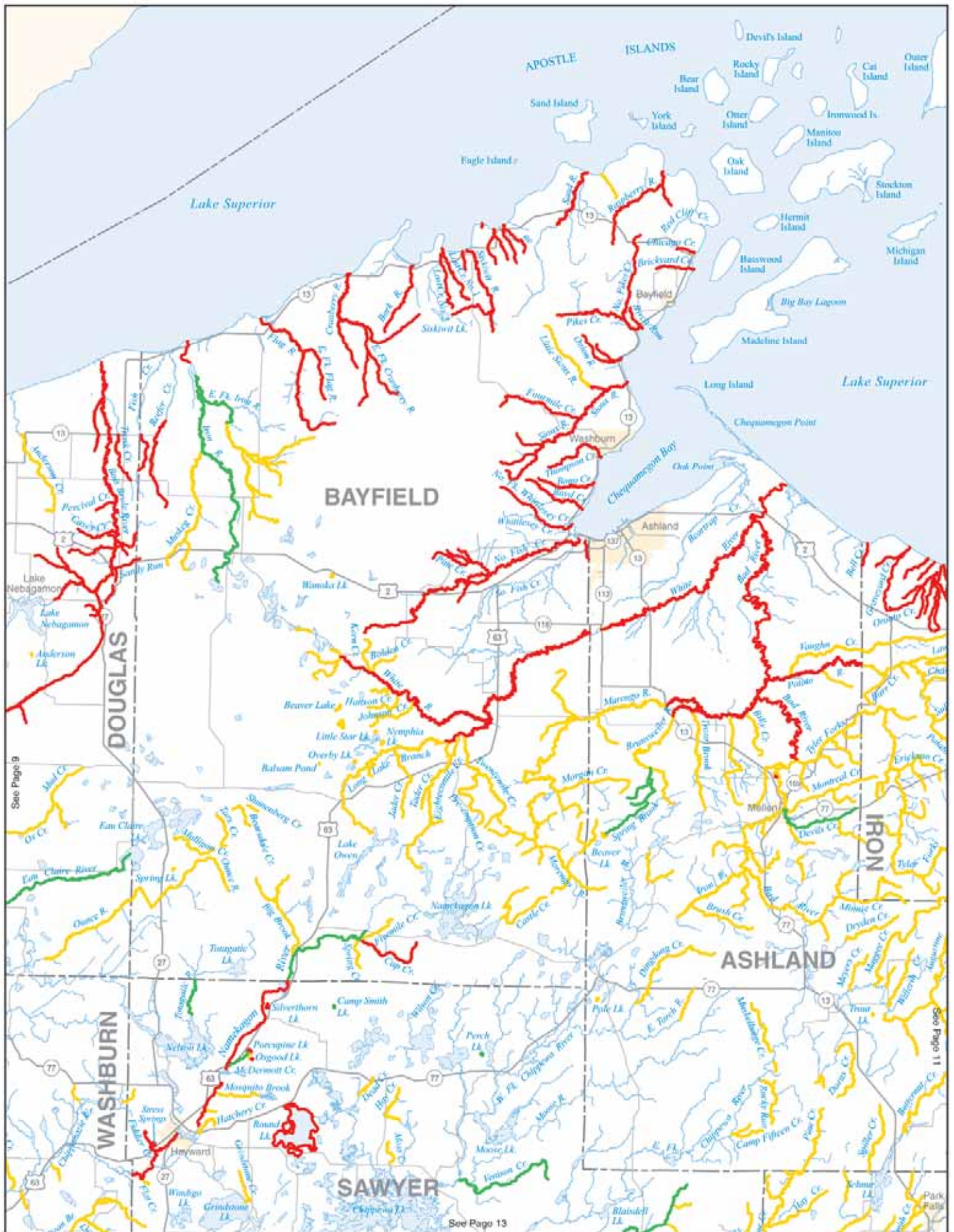
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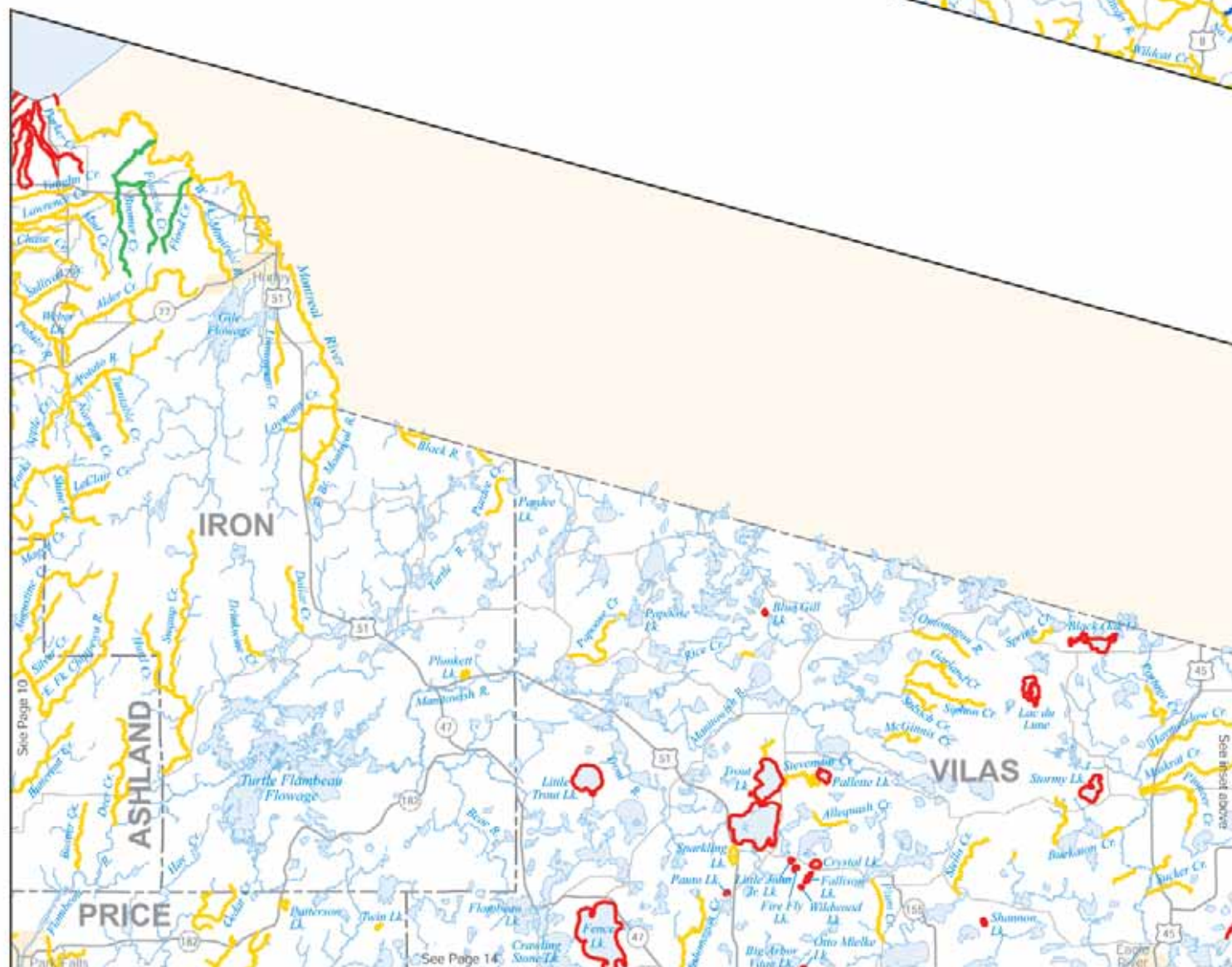
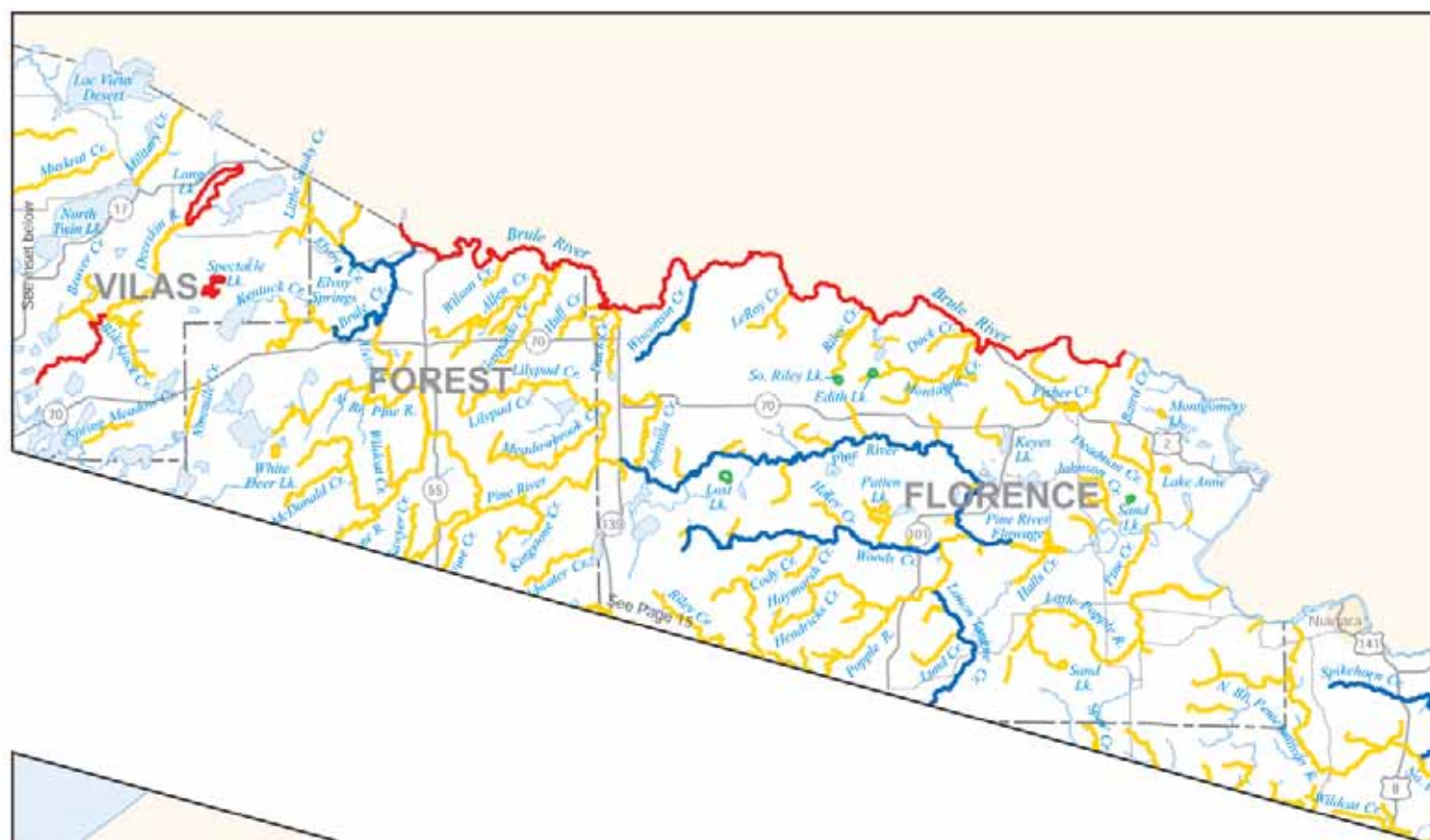
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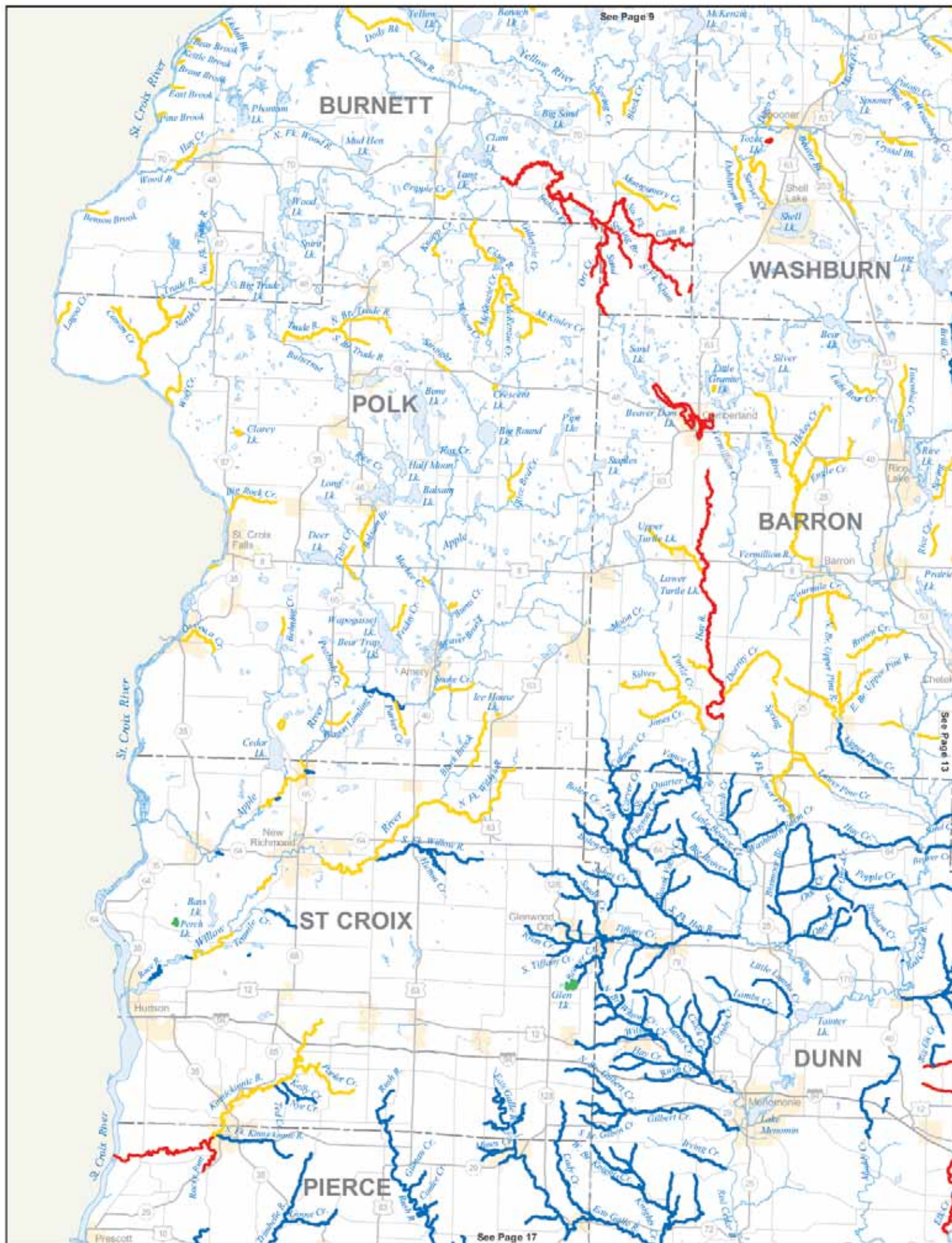








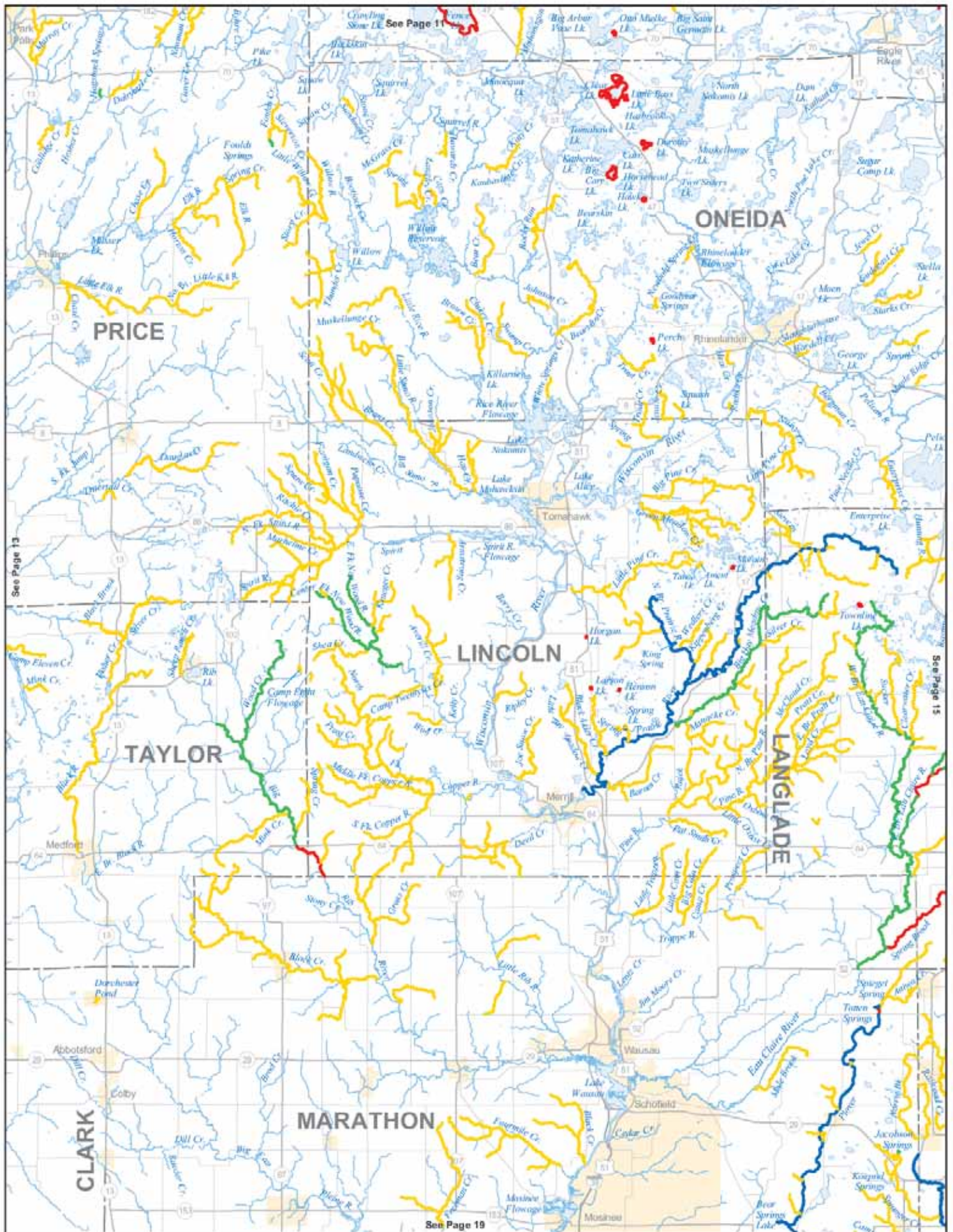




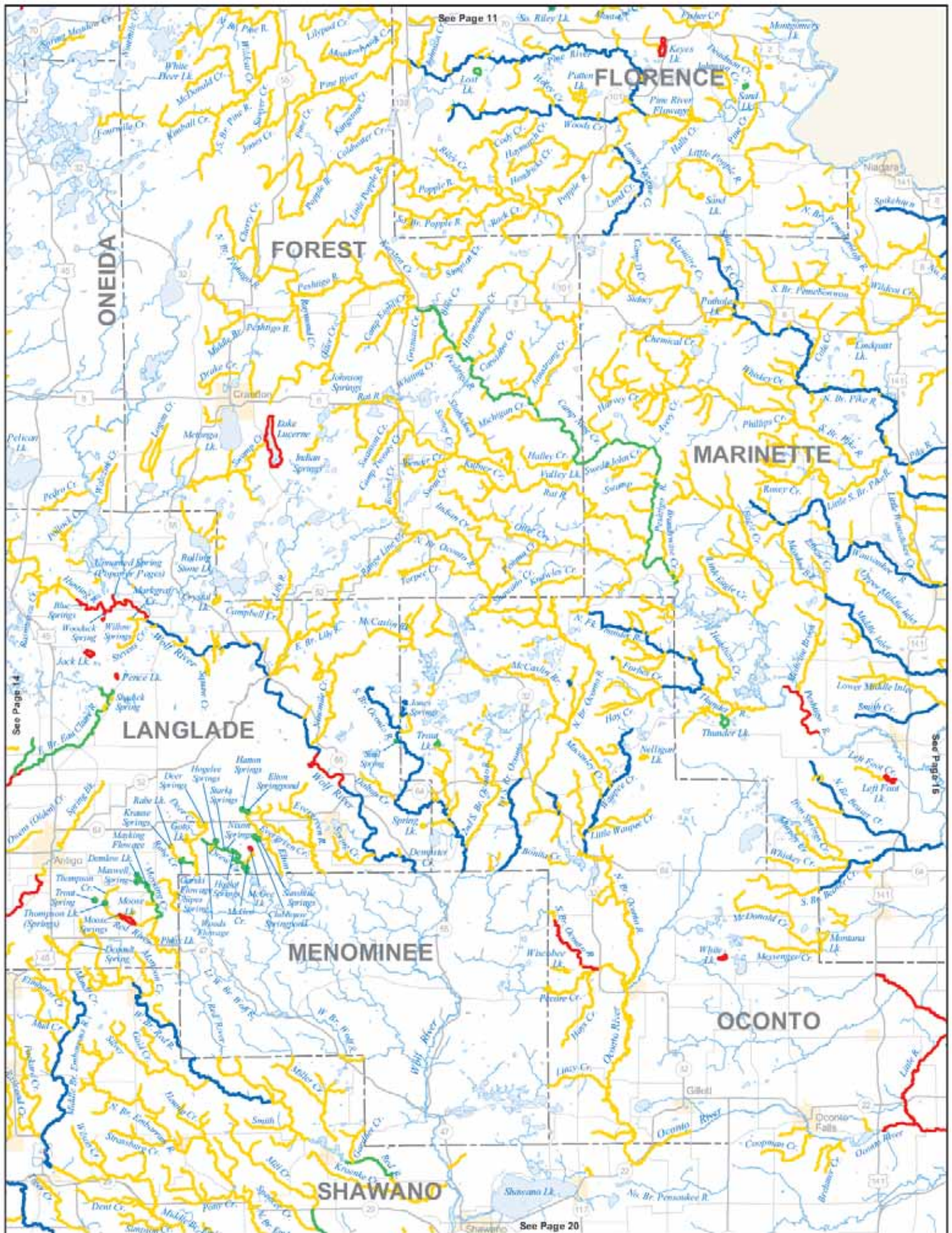






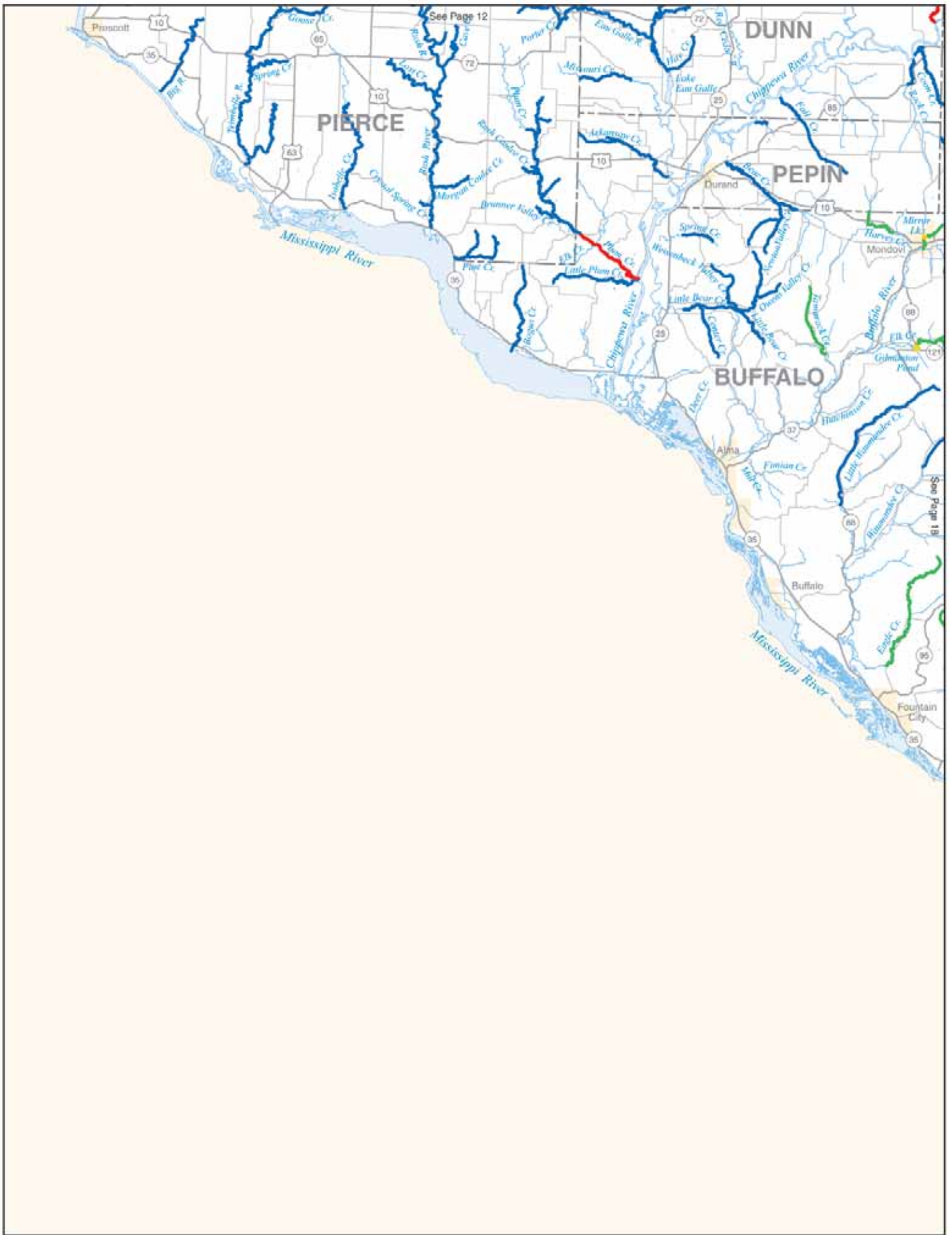








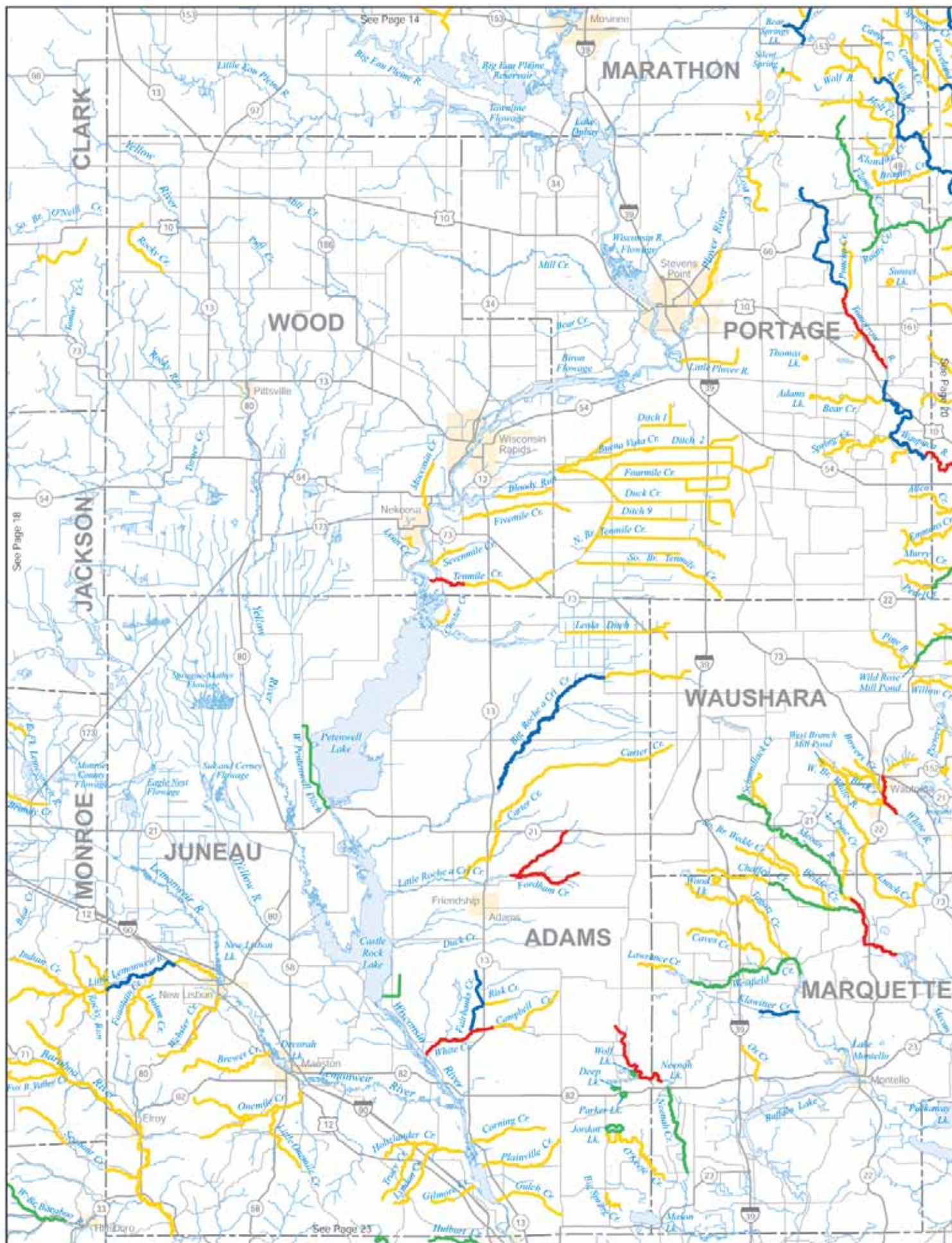




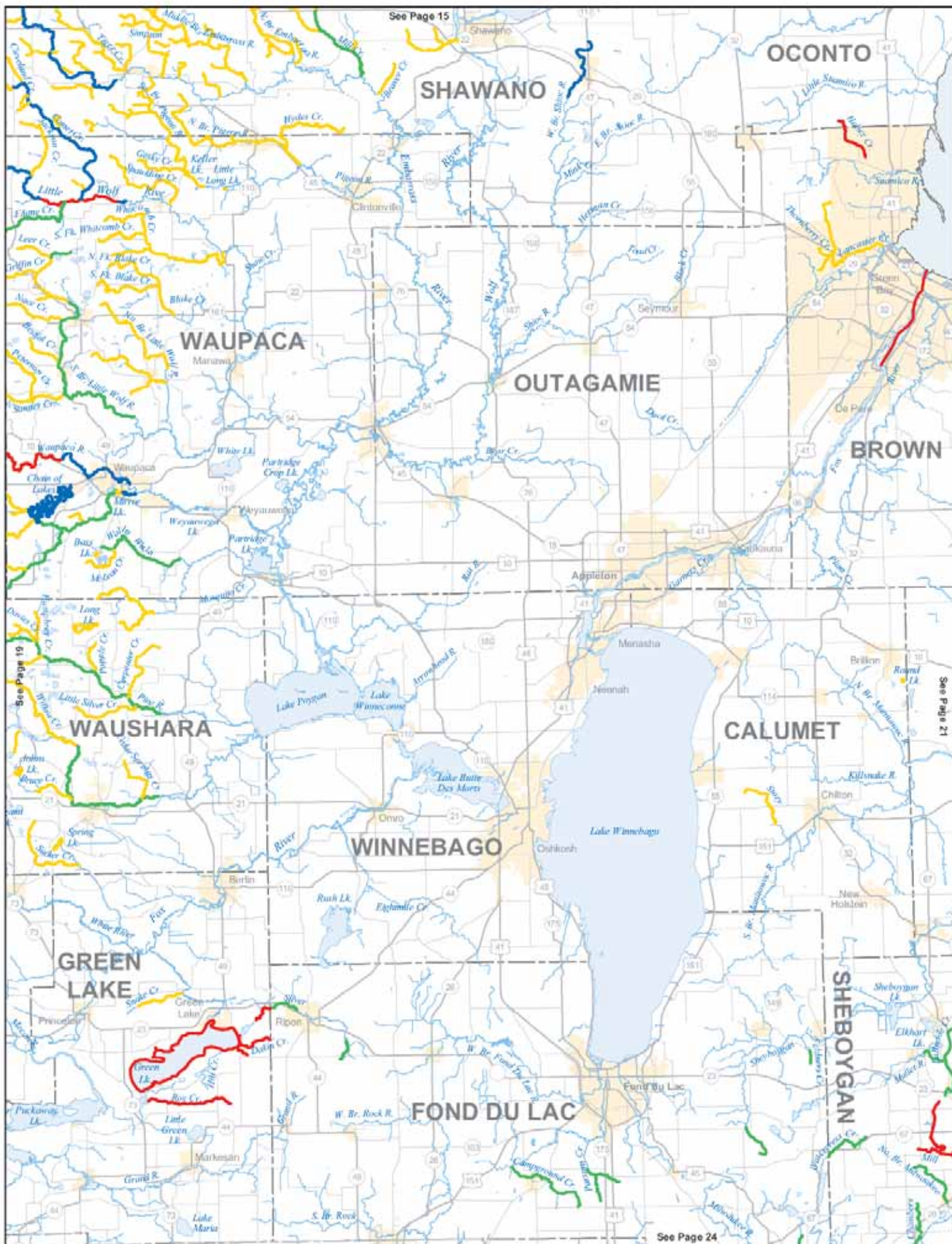


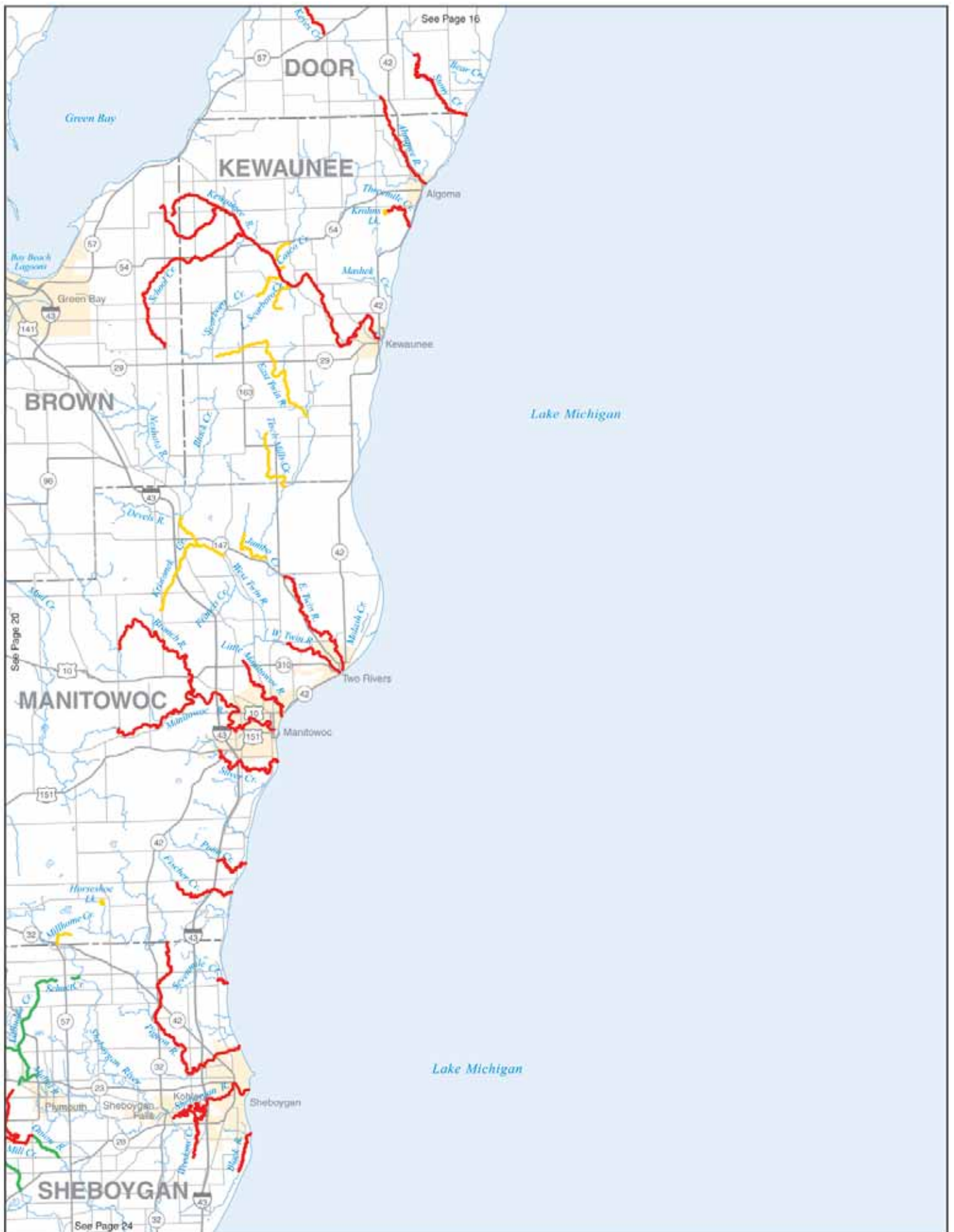








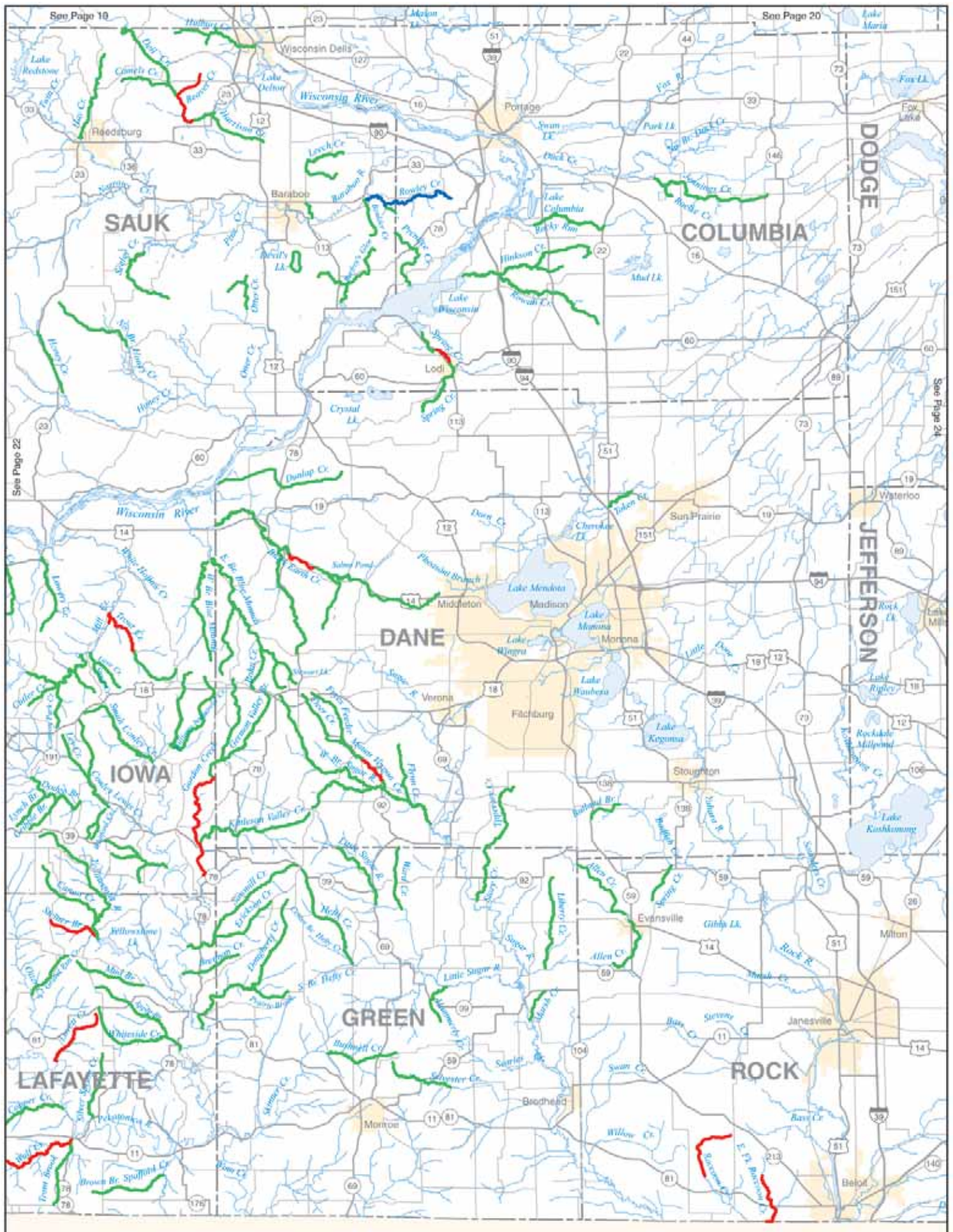




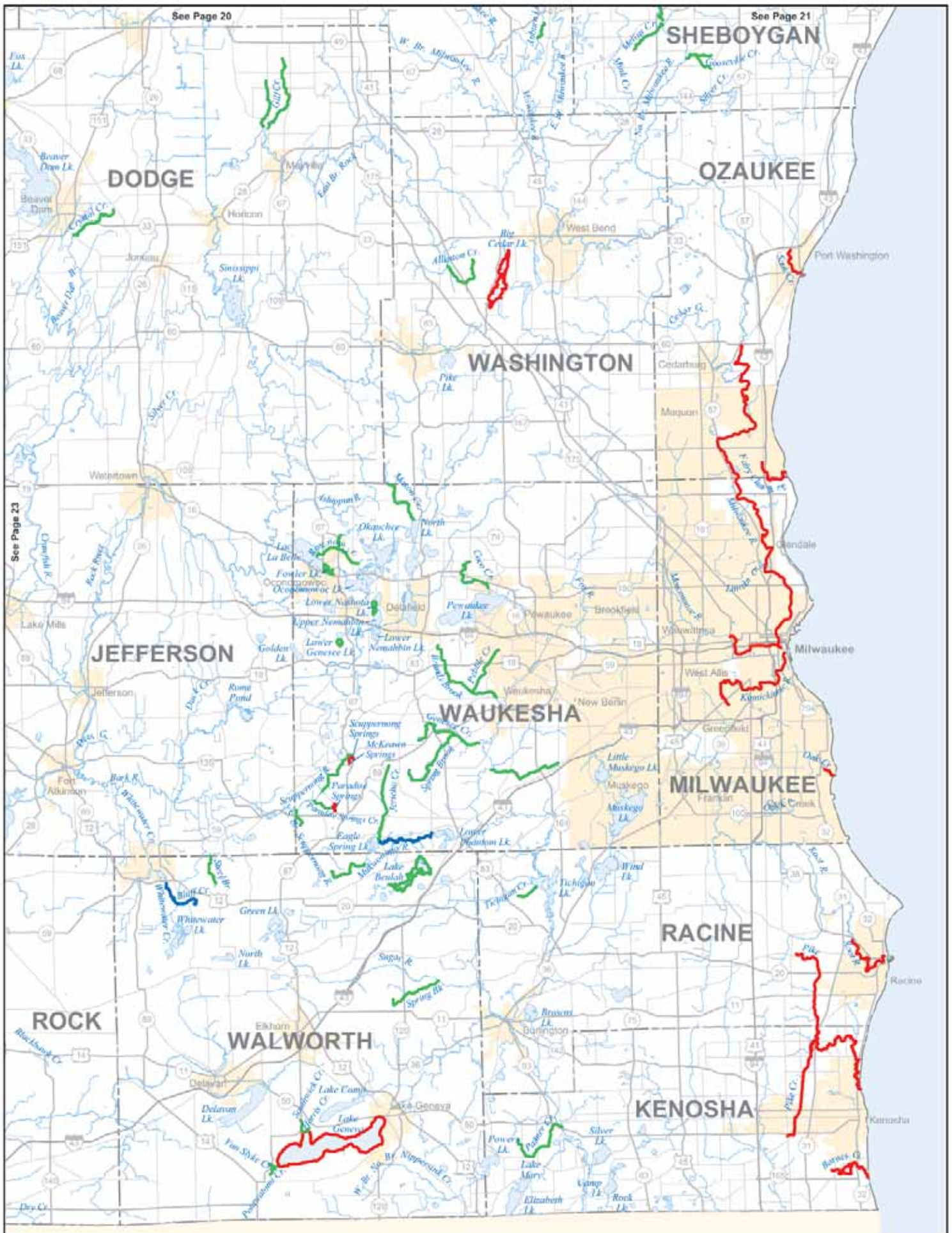












TREMPEALEAU RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—Category 4  
VOSSE COULEE CREEK—Category 4  
WASHINGTON COULEE CREEK—Category 4

## JEFFERSON

All waters not listed—Category 3

## JUNEAU

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2  
LEMONWEIR RIVER (LITTLE)—Upstream from STH 12 & 16—  
Category 4  
PETENWELL DITCH (WEST)—Category 3

## KENOSHA

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.  
ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5  
Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout  
Size Limit: none

## KEWAUNEE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.  
KROHNS LAKE—Category 2  
Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

## LA CROSSE

LA CROSSE RIVER AND ALL WATERS NORTH—Category 2  
ALL WATERS SOUTH OF LA CROSSE RIVER—Category 3  
BOHEMIAN VALLEY CREEK—Category 5  
Daily Bag Limit: 5  
Size Limit: All trout kept shall be less than 12"  
HILLVIEW POND—Category 2  
VETS MEMORIAL PARK POND—Category 2

## LAFAYETTE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3  
LOVETT'S CREEK—Category 5  
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released  
STEINER CREEK—Upstream from CTH F—Category 5  
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released  
WOLF CREEK—Dunbarton Road upstream to Cub Hollow Road—Category 5  
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released  
WOLF CREEK—Junction Trout Brook upstream to Dunbarton Road and upstream from Cub Hollow Road—Category 5  
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total  
Size Limit: 12"

## LANGLADE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2  
BIG HAYMEADOW CREEK—Category 3  
BLUE SPRINGS—Category 5  
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total  
Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"  
CLUBHOUSE SPRING POND—Category 3  
DEMLOW LAKES (SPRINGS; UPPER & LOWER)—Category 3  
DREW CREEK—Category 3  
EAU CLAIRE RIVER (MAIN BRANCH)—Including Marathon County downstream to STH 52—Category 3

EAU CLAIRE RIVER (EAST BRANCH)—Excluding Blue Bell Road downstream to River Road—Category 3  
EAU CLAIRE RIVER (EAST BRANCH)—Bluebell Road downstream to River Road—Category 5  
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total  
Size Limit: 12"  
EAU CLAIRE RIVER (WEST BRANCH)—Category 3  
ELTON SPRING POND—Category 3  
GARSKI FLOWAGE—Category 3  
HATTON SPRINGS—Category 3  
HOGELEE SPRINGS (No. 1 & 2)—Category 3  
HOGLOT SPRINGS—Category 3  
HUNTING RIVER—Downstream from Fitzgerald Dam Road—Category 5  
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total  
Size Limit: brown 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"  
JACK LAKE—Category 5  
Daily Bag Limit: 5  
Size Limit: None  
MAXWELL SPRING—Category 3  
MAYKING CREEK AND FLOWAGE—Category 3  
MCGEE LAKE—Category 5  
Closed to trout fishing in 2009 due to ongoing brook trout restoration project  
MOOSE LAKE—Category 5  
Daily Bag Limit: 1 brown trout and 3 brook trout  
Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook trout 8"  
MOOSE SPRINGS—Category 5  
Daily Bag Limit: 1 brown trout and 3 brook trout  
Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook trout 8"  
NIXON SPRINGS—Category 3  
OCONTO RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—Category 4  
PENCE LAKE—Category 5  
Daily Bag Limit: 5  
Size Limit: None  
PRAIRIE RIVER—Category 4  
SAUL SPRING—Category 3  
SPRING BROOK—Downstream from CTH X (including Marathon County)—Category 5  
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total  
Size Limit: 12"  
STARKS SPRINGS—Category 3  
SUNSHINE SPRINGS—Category 3  
THOMPSON LAKE (SPRINGS)—Category 3  
TOWNLINE LAKE (S6, T33N, R10E)—Category 5  
Daily Bag Limit: 5  
Size Limit: None  
TROUT SPRING—Category 3  
UNNAMED SPRINGS 2-1(POLAR OR PAGES) (S2, T33N, R11E)—Category 5  
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total  
Size Limit: brown 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"  
UNNAMED SPRINGS 2-14 (S2, T33N, R11E)—Category 5  
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total  
Size Limit: brown 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"  
UNNAMED SPRINGS 3-7 (WEIX) (S3, T33N, R11E)—Category 5  
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total  
Size Limit: brown 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"  
WILLOW SPRINGS—Category 5  
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total  
Size Limit: brown 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"



WOLF RIVER except below—Category 4

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, the following restrictions apply:

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: brown and rainbow trout 12", brook trout 8"

Open season: October 1 to November 15, the following restrictions apply:

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

WOLF RIVER—Soo Line Railroad Bridge downstream to Dierks Irrigation Hole—Category 5

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

WOODUCK SPRINGS—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total

Size Limit: brown 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"

WOODS FLOWAGE—Category 3

## LINCOLN

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

AMENT LAKE—Category 2

Closed in 2009. Open in even-numbered years.

BIG HAYMEADOW CREEK—Category 3

BIG RIB RIVER—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

HENSON LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5

Size Limit: None

HORGAN LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5

Size Limit: None

KING SPRING—Category 4

LARSON LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5

Size Limit: None

MORAINÉ LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5

Size Limit: None

NEW WOOD RIVER—Upstream from Whiskey Bill road (S19, T33N, R5E)—Category 3

NEW WOOD RIVER (CENTER FORK)—Category 3

NEW WOOD RIVER (EAST FORK)—Category 3

PAYS SPRINGS (ALTA) (S12, T33N, R7E)—Category 4

PRAIRIE RIVER—Category 4

PRAIRIE RIVER (NORTH BRANCH)—Category 4

SPRING LAKE (SPRINGS; S16, T32N, R7E)—Category 4

TAHOE LAKE—Category 2

May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, 2009. Closed in even-numbered years.

## MANITOWOC

ALL WATERS—Category 2—For stream flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on page 2.

HORSESHOE LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

## MARATHON

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

BEAR SPRINGS—Category 4

CLARK SPRINGS—Category 4

EMBARRASS RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—Downstream from Norrie Road—Category 4

EAU CLAIRE RIVER (MAIN BRANCH)—Upstream of STH 52—Category 3

FLUME CREEK—Category 3

JACOBSON SPRINGS—Category 3

LITTLE WOLF RIVER—Upstream to River Drive—Category 4

PLOVER RIVER—STH 153 upstream to CTH Z—Category 4

PLOVER RIVER—CTH Z upstream to outlet of Totten Springs—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be between 10" and 13"

SILENT SPRINGS—Category 3

SPIEGEL SPRINGS—Category 4

SPRING BROOK—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

TOTTEN SPRINGS—Category 4

## MARINETTE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Green Bay see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on page 2.

BEAVER CREEK (INCLUDING NORTH AND SOUTH BRANCHES)—Category 4

HOLMES CREEK—Category 4

K.C. CREEK—Category 4

LEFT FOOT LAKE—Category 5

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

LINDQUIST LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

MIDDLE INLET CREEK—Category 4

MONTANA LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

MURPHY LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

NOQUEBAY LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

PESHTIGO RIVER—Upstream from CTH C—Category 3

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, the following restrictions apply:

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: 9"

Open season: October 1 to November 15, the following restrictions apply:

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

PESHTIGO RIVER—Between Johnson Falls and Spring Rapids—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"

PIKE RIVER—Category 4

PIKE RIVER (NORTH BRANCH)—Mouth upstream to KC Creek—Category 4

POTHOLE LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

RAT RIVER—Category 2

SAND LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

SMITH CREEK—Category 4

SPIKEHORN CREEK—Category 4

THUNDER LAKE—Category 3

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

THUNDER RIVER (NORTH FORK)—Category 4

THUNDER RIVER (SOUTH FORK)—Category 4

WAUSAUKEE RIVER—Category 4

## MARQUETTE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

CHAFFEE CREEK—CTH B downstream to Mecan River—Category 3

KLAWITTER CREEK—Category 4

MECAN RIVER—Upstream from 14th Ave—Category 3

MECAN RIVER—14th Avenue downstream to Germania marsh barrier—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag and Size Limit: 3 trout, only 1 of which is over 15"

Size Limit: all trout 12"

NEENAH CREEK (UPPER)—Upstream from STH 82—Category 5

Gear Restrictions: Only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 14"

NEENAH CREEK (LOWER)—Downstream from STH 82—Category 3

WESTFIELD CREEK—Downstream from Lawrence Lake—Category 3

WOOD LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

## MENOMINEE

ALL WATERS—Category 2—Menominee County is an Native American reservation. Find out about tribal policies at tribal headquarters. State laws apply to non-Native Americans fishing on the Menominee Reservation.

## MILWAUKEE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.

ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: none

## MONROE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

BOHEMIAN VALLEY CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

CLEAR CREEK—Category 3

RANCH CREEK—Category 3

RULLANDS COULEE CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

## OCONTO

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Green Bay see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on page 2

FORBES SPRINGS—Category 4

GRIGNON LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

JONES SPRINGS—Category 4

MARY LAKE—Category 3

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

NELLIGAN LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

OCONTO RIVER (1ST SOUTH BRANCH)—STH 64 downstream to mouth—Category 4

OCONTO RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—CTH AA downstream to STH 32—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total

Size Limit: brook trout and rainbow trout 12", brown trout 18"

OCONTO RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—Upstream from Menominee County—Category 4

SULLIVAN SPRINGS—Category 4

THUNDER RIVER (NORTH FORK)—Category 4

THUNDER RIVER (SOUTH FORK)—Category 4

TOWN SPRINGS and CREEK—Category 4

TROUT LAKE—Category 3

WAUPEE CREEK—Category 4

WHITE LAKE—Category 5

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

WISCOBEE LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

## ONEIDA

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

BIG CARR LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout

Size Limit: 30"

CLEAR LAKE (S16, T39N, R7E)—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout

Size Limit: 30"

DOROTHY LAKE—Category 5

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

HAWK LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5

Size Limit: none

LITTLE BASS LAKE (S15, T39N, R7E)—Category 5

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

PERCH LAKE (S2, T36N, R7E)—Category 5

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

## OUTAGAMIE

ALL WATERS—Category 2

## OZAUKEE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.

ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: none

## PEPIN

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 4

## PIERCE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 4

KINNICKINNIC RIVER—Downstream from lower pond in River Falls and Rocky branch—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout under 10", or 4 trout under 10" and 1 over 14"

KINNICKINNIC RIVER—Downstream from St. Croix County line including both flowages in River Falls downstream to the lower pond dam—Category 2

## POLK

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

APPLE RIVER—Downstream from Black Brook Dam—Category 4

CLAREY LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

CRESCENT LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010



**ICE HOUSE LAKE—Category 2**

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**LOWER PINE LAKE—Category 2**

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**ORE CREEK—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

**SAND CREEK—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

**SPENCER CREEK—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

## PORTAGE

**ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2**

**ADAMS LAKE—Category 2**

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**FLUME CREEK—Category 3**

**LITTLE WOLF RIVER—Category 4**

**RAINY CREEK—Category 3**

**SPRING LAKE—Category 2**

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**SUNSET LAKE—Category 2**

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**THOMAS LAKE—Category 2**

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**TOMORROW (WAUPACA) RIVER—Durant Rd. downstream to River Road in Waupaca County—Category 5**

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total

Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook trout and rainbow trout 12"

**TOMORROW (WAUPACA) RIVER (LOWER)—Durant Rd. upstream to Amherst dam—Category 4**

**TOMORROW (WAUPACA) RIVER—Old Railroad Bridge north of Amherst upstream to Poncho Creek—Category 5**

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout in total, only 1 over 20"

Size Limit: 3 trout may be kept between 10" and 13", or 2 trout between 10" and 13" and 1 over 20"

**TOMORROW (WAUPACA) RIVER (UPPER)—Upstream from Poncho Creek—Category 4**

## PRICE

**ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2**

**BUTTERNUT CREEK AND TRIBUTARIES—Category 2**

**DAVE LAKE—Category 2**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**FOULDS SPRINGS—Category 3**

**HOGSBACK (SPUR LAKE) SPRINGS—Category 3**

**PATTERSON LAKE—Category 2**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**PRICE CREEK—Downstream from Lower Price lake—Category 3**

**TWIN LAKE—Category 2**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

## RACINE

**ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.**

**ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: none

## RICHLAND

**ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3**

**ASH CREEK—Upstream from STH 80—Category 5**

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

**BEAR CREEK—Upstream from STH 130 bridge in S14, T9N, R2E—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout

Size Limit: 12"

**GAULT HOLLOW CREEK—Downstream from CTH H—Category 5**

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

**LITTLE WILLOW CREEK—Downstream from Spiral Road—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout

Size Limit: 12"

**MELANCHTON CREEK—Upstream of STH 80 at north line of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S22, T12N, R1E—Category 5**

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total, only 3 may be brook trout

Size Limit: 7" brown and rainbow trout, brook trout must be between 6"—9"

**MELANCHTON CREEK—Downstream of STH 80 at north line of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S22, T12N, R1E—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total, only 3 may be brook trout

Size Limit: 7" brown and rainbow trout, brook trout must be between 6"—9"

**MILL CREEK—USH 14 upstream to Quarry Hill Road—Category 5**

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

**PINE RIVER—Uppermost STH 80 bridge downstream to CTH AA—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout

Size Limit: 12"

**PINE RIVER (WEST BRANCH)—Old County Farm Drive upstream to Spangler Ridge Road—Category 5**

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

**SMITH HOLLOW CREEK—Downstream from Smyth Hollow Road—Category 5**

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

**WILLOW CREEK—STH 58 bridge 2.75 miles south of Ithaca upstream to Lost Hollow Road, and STH 58 bridge 0.25 mile north of Loyd upstream to county line—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout

Size Limit: 12"

**WILLOW CREEK—Lost Hollow Road upstream to STH 58 bridge 0.25 mile north of Loyd—Category 5**

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

## ROCK

**ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3—All Rock County lakes and ponds have an open season from January 1 to September 30**

**RACCOON CREEK AND RACON CREEK (EAST BRANCH)—Category 5**

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

## RUSK

**ALL STREAMS NOT LISTED—Category 2**

**ALL LAKES AND SPRING PONDS NOT LISTED—Category 3**

**BASS L (WEYERHAUSER)—Category 5**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout

Size Limit: 15"

**BIG WEIGOR CREEK—Category 3**

**CORBETT LAKE—Category 2**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

DEER CREEK—Category 3  
 DEVILS CREEK—Category 3  
 DEVILS CREEK TROUT POND—Category 2  
   Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010  
 HAWKINS MILL POND—Category 2  
   Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010  
 HEMLOCK CREEK—Category 3  
 LITTLE WEIGOR CREEK—Category 3  
 MAIN CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Category 3  
 SOFT MAPLE CREEK—Category 3  
 THREE LAKES NUMBER ONE—Category 3  
   Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

## SAUK

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3  
 BEAR CREEK—County line upstream to CTH N and upstream from Croal Hollow Road—Category 5  
   Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total  
   Size Limit: 12"  
 BEAR CREEK—CTH N upstream to Croal Hollow Road—Category 5  
   Gear Restriction: None  
   Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released  
 BEAVER CREEK—Category 5  
   Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
   Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released  
 DELL CREEK—Coon Bluff Road upstream to South Avenue—Category 5  
   Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
   Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released  
 DEVIL'S LAKE—Category 3  
   Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010  
 ROWLEY CREEK—Category 4  
 WILLOW CREEK—Upstream from county line—Category 5  
   Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total  
   Size Limit: 12"

## SAWYER

ALL STREAMS NOT LISTED—Category 2  
 ALL LAKES AND SPRING PONDS NOT LISTED—Category 3  
 ASHEGON LAKE—Category 3  
   Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010  
 BLACK DAN LAKE—Category 5  
   Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010  
   Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout  
   Size Limit: 15"  
 BRUNET RIVER—Category 3  
 CAMP SMITH LAKE—Category 3  
   Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010  
 COUDERAY RIVER—Category 3  
 DEER CREEK (METEOR TOWNSHIP)—Category 3  
 EDDY CREEK—Category 3  
 FIDDLER CREEK—Category 5  
   Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
   Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released  
 HAUER SPRINGS—Category 5  
   Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total  
   Size Limit: 15"  
 LITTLE WEIGOR CREEK—Category 3  
 MCDERMOTT BROOK—Category 3  
 NAMEKAGON RIVER—STH 63 upstream to Pacawong Dam—Category 5  
   Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
   Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total  
   Size Limit: 15"  
 NAMEKAGON RIVER—Hospital Road upstream to Phipps Dam—Category 5  
   Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
   Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

NAMEKAGON RIVER—Downstream from Lake Hayward—Category 5  
   Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30  
   Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout  
   Size Limit: 9"  
   Open Season: October 1 to May 2, the following restrictions apply:  
     Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
     Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released  
 OSGOOD LAKE—Category 5  
   Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total  
   Size Limit: 15"  
 PERCH LAKE—Category 3  
   Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010  
 PORCUPINE LAKE—Category 5  
   Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total  
   Size Limit: 15"  
 PRICE CREEK—Category 3  
 ROUND LAKE—Category 5  
   Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010  
   Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout  
   Size Limit: 18"  
 SILVERTHORNE LAKE—Category 5  
   Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010  
   Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout  
   Size Limit: 15"  
 STRESS SPRINGS—Category 5  
   Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
   Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released  
 THORNAPPLE RIVER—Category 3  
 TOTAGATIC RIVER—Category 3  
 VENISON CREEK—Category 3

## SHAWANO

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2  
 BAHR LAKE—See Koth and Bahr Lakes  
 COMET CREEK—Downstream from CTH P—Category 4  
 EMBARRASS RIVER (MIDDLE BRANCH)—CTH Z downstream to Homme Pond Dam—Category 4  
 EMBARRASS RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—Upstream from Tigerton dam—Category 4  
 EMBARRASS SPRINGS—Category 4  
 HOMME POND—Category 4  
 KOTH AND BAHR LAKES—Category 2  
   Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010  
 MILL CREEK—Downstream from STH 29—Category 3  
 RED RIVER—CTH A at village of Red River upstream to Lower Red Lake dam—Category 3  
 RED RIVER (WEST BRANCH)—Downstream from CTH D—Category 4  
 SHIOC RIVER (WEST BRANCH)—Upstream from Sunrise Road—Category 4

## SHEBOYGAN

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.  
 ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5  
   Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout  
   Size limit: none  
 BEN NUTT CREEK—Category 5  
   Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
   Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total  
   Size Limit: 15"  
 MILL CREEK—Category 5  
   Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
   Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total  
   Size Limit: 15"  
 ONION RIVER—Upstream from CTH E—Category 5  
   Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used  
   Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total  
   Size Limit: 15"



## ST. CROIX

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 4

APPLE RIVER—Category 2

GLEN LAKE—Category 3

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

KINNICKINNIE RIVER—Category 2

PARKER CREEK—Category 2

PERCH LAKE—Category 3

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

WILLOW RIVER—From Willow Falls in Willow River state park upstream to the confluence on the north and south forks—Category 2

WILLOW RIVER (NORTH FORK)—Category 2

## TAYLOR

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

BIG RIB RIVER—CTH C downstream to STH 64—Category 3

BIG RIB RIVER—Downstream from STH 64—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

CAMP 8 FLOWAGE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

SPRUCE LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

WOOD CREEK—Category 3

## TREMPEALEAU

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

ABRAHAM COULEE CREEK—Category 4

ADAMS CREEK—Category 3

ARCTIC SPRINGS GOLF COURSE POND—Category 2

Open season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

BEAR CREEK—Category 4

BEAVER CREEK—Category 4

BEAVER CREEK (NORTH FORK)—Category 4

BEAVER CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Category 3

ROSSMAN CREEK—Category 3

BIG CREEK—Category 3

BORST VALLEY CREEK—Category 3

BRUCE VALLEY CREEK—Category 3

BUFFALO RIVER—CTH 000 downstream to Tracey Valley Road (S8, T24N, R7W)—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout, only 1 may be a brown trout

Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 10"

BUFFALO RIVER—Osseo to Strum except above—Category 4

BUFFALO RIVER (NORTH FORK)—Category 4

BUFFALO RIVER (SOUTH FORK)—Category 4

BUGLE LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

CHIMNEY ROCK CREEK—Category 3

DODGE POND—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

DUTCH CREEK—Category 3

ELEVA POND—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

ELK CREEK—Category 3

ELK CREEK (NORTH BRANCH)—Category 3

ELK CREEK (BENNET)—Category 3

FLY CREEK—Category 3

FRENCH CREEK—Category 3

HARDIES CREEK—Category 3

HOLCOMB COULEE CREEK—Category 3

JOHNSON VALLEY CREEK—Category 3

KILNESS CREEK—Category 3

KING CREEK—Category 3

LAKE HENRY—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

LAKE MARTHA—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

LAKES COULEE CREEK—Category 3

LINDSAY CREEK—Category 3

MEYER VALLEY CREEK—Category 3

OSSEO ROD AND GUN POND—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

PIGEON CREEK—Upstream from Pigeon Falls Pond—Category 3

PIGEON FALLS POND—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

PINE CREEK—Category 3

ROSSMAN CREEK—Category 3

SALZWEDEL COULEE CREEK—Category 3

SCHERMERHORN CREEK—Category 3

SPORT VALLEY CREEK—Category 3

STRUM LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

TAMARACK CREEK—Category 3

TRAVERSE VALLEY CREEK—Category 4

TREMPEALEAU RIVER—Category 4

TROUT CREEK—Category 3

TROUT RUN CREEK—Category 3

VOSSE COULEE CREEK—Category 4

WASHINGTON COULEE CREEK—Category 4

WHITEHALL ROD AND GUN POND—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

## VERNON

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3

BISHOP BRANCH—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept must be less than 12"

ESOFEA BRANCH—From Rung Hollow Lake upstream to Saxford Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

KICKAPOO RIVER (WEST FORK)—STH 82 upstream to CTH S and Bloomingdale road (S6, T13N, R3W)—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

MELANCTHON CREEK—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total, only 3 may be brook trout

Size Limit: 7" brown and rainbow trout, brook trout must be between 6"—9"

SEAS BRANCH CREEK—Upstream from junction of stream and impoundment in S14, T13N, R4W—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

TIMBER COULEE CREEK—CTH P upstream to Olstad Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

TIMBER COULEE CREEK—Other than above—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept must be less than 12"

UNNAMED CREEK 16-6 (S16, T13N, R7W)—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

UNNAMED CREEK 29-4 (S29, T13N, R7W)—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

## VILAS

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

BLACK OAK LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total

Size Limit: 30"

**BLUEGILL LAKE—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: none

**CRYSTAL LAKE (S27, T41N, R7E)—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total

Size Limit: 26"

**DEERSKIN RIVER—Blackjack Creek downstream to Range Line Road—Category 5**

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag and Size Limit: 2 brook trout over 12", & 1 brown trout over 18"

**DOROTHY LAKE—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: none

**FALLISON LAKE—Category 5**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 7"

**FENCE LAKE—Category 5**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total, only 3 of which can be brown trout

Size Limit: brook trout 7", brown trout 20"

**FIRE FLY LAKE—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: none

**LAC DU LUNE LAKE—Category 5**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

**LITTLE JOHN JR. LAKE—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: none

**LITTLE TROUT LAKE—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total

Size Limit: 26"

**LONG LAKE—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total

Size Limit: 30"

**OTTO MIELKE LAKE—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: none

**PALLETTE LAKE—Category 5—Season closed all year. No fishing for lake trout.**

**PAUTO LAKE—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: none

**SHANNON LAKE—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

**SPECTACLE LAKE—All—Category 5**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

**STORMY LAKE—Category 5**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

**TROUT LAKE—Category 5**

Open Season for lake trout: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total

Size Limit: 30"

**WILDWOOD LAKE—Category 5**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

## WALWORTH

**ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3**

**ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size limit: none

**BEULAH LAKE—Category 3**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**BLUFF CREEK—Category 4**

**LAKE GENEVA—Category 5**

Open Season for lake trout: January 5 to September 30, 2009 (January 3 to September 30, 2010)

Open Season for other trout: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

Daily Bag and Size Limit: 2 lake trout over 17", & 3 other trout over 9"

**WHITEWATER CREEK—Upstream of Willis Ray Road—Category 4**

## WASHBURN

**ALL LANDLOCKED LAKES AND PONDS WITHOUT OUTLET STREAMS, NOT OTHERWISE LISTED—Category 2**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**ALL STREAMS, SPRING PONDS, AND LAKES WITH OUTLET STREAMS, NOT OTHERWISE LISTED—Category 2**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30

**BRILL RIVER—Category 4**

**SAWMILL LAKE—Category 5**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

**TOZER LAKE—Category 5**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

## WASHINGTON

**ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3**

**ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: none

**BIG CEDAR LAKE—Category 5**

Open Season for lake trout: January 5 to September 30, 2009 (January 3 to September 30, 2010)

Daily Bag Limit: 2 lake trout

Size Limit: lake trout 17"

## WAUKESHA

**ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3**

**ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5**

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: none

**FOWLER LAKE—Category 3**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**LOWER GENESEE LAKE—Category 3**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**LOWER NASHOTAH LAKE—Category 3**

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

**MCKEAWN SPRINGS—Category 5**

Open Season: January 1 to September 30

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

**MUKWONAGO RIVER—Eagle Spring Lake downstream to Lower Phantom Lake—Category 4**

**PARADISE SPRINGS CREEK—Upstream from CTH N—Category 5**

Open Season: January 1 to September 30

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

**SCUPPERNONG SPRINGS—Category 5**

Open Season: January 1 to September 30

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released



## WAUPACA

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

BASS LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

CHAIN OF LAKES (ALL LAKES)—Category 4

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

COMET CREEK—Category 4

CRYSTAL RIVER—Category 3

FLUME CREEK—Category 3

LITTLE LONG LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

LITTLE WOLF RIVER—CTH J upstream to Ness Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout

Size Limit: brook trout 14"

LITTLE WOLF RIVER—All except portion described above and south branch—Category 4

LITTLE WOLF RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—Category 3

MIRROR LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

RADLEY CREEK—Category 3

WALLA WALLA CREEK—Category 3

WAUPACA (TOMORROW) RIVER—River Road upstream to Durant Road in Portage County—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout

Size Limit: brook trout and rainbow trout 12", brown trout 18"

WAUPACA (TOMORROW) RIVER—All except portion listed above—Category 4

## WAUSHARA

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

JOHNS LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

GILBERT LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

LONG LAKE (TOWN OF SAXEVILLE)—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

MECAN RIVER AND SPRINGS—Category 3

PEARL LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

PINE LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

PINE RIVER (LOWER)—Downstream from Wild Rose millpond—Category 3

PINE RIVER (UPPER)—Upstream from Wild Rose millpond—Category 2

SPRING LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

WHITE RIVER POND (WEST BRANCH)—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

WHITE RIVER (MAIN BRANCH)—Upstream from Lower White River millpond—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag and Size Limit: 3 trout per day, only 1 brown trout over 15"

Size Limit: 12"

WHITE RIVER—Category 3

WHITE RIVER (WEST BRANCH)—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30

WILD ROSE MILL POND—Category 2

Open Season: May 2 at 5:00 a.m. to March 7, 2010

WILLOW CREEK—Downstream from Blackhawk Road—Category 3

## WINNEBAGO

ALL WATERS—Category 2

## WOOD

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

TEN MILE CREEK—Upstream for Rangeline Road—Category 2

TEN MILE CREEK—Downstream from Rangeline Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout

Size Limit: 15"

## Public or Private?

### How Do I Know If I'm Trespassing?

- Navigability determines whether a waterway is public or private. Navigable lakes and streams are public waterways.
- A waterway is navigable if it has a bed and banks and it is possible to float a canoe or other small craft at sometime of the year—even if only during spring floods.
- Because they are public, you may use navigable waters for fishing, boating, swimming or other recreational activities, provided public access is available, or you have permission of the land owner to cross their property to reach the waterway. Once on a navigable waterway, **AS LONG AS YOU KEEP YOUR FEET WET, YOU MAY WALK ALONG THE BED OF THE STREAM, FISH, SWIM, OR BOAT IN ANY NAVIGABLE LAKE OR STREAM.**

## TV Show for Kids



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# Wisconsin Trout Stream Habitat Management

## What's At Stake?

Wisconsin has over 2,900 trout streams, the majority exhibiting some degree of natural reproduction. Their protection and improvement are cornerstones of DNR's trout management program. While all the streams require protection, about 30 percent need some form of habitat improvement. Both the resource and the quality of trout fishing are at stake.

## Why Manage Trout Stream Habitat?

Habitat management focuses on the stream channel and its banks. The idea is to create conditions favorable for trout by adding something to the stream or modifying what's already present.

Trout need certain environmental conditions, called habitat, to survive and flourish. Cold water, plenty of oxygen, sheltered places to hide and rest, and abundant supplies of insects and forage fish are the most important. For streams supporting wild trout, add gravel beds for spawning, water swift enough to sweep silt from developing eggs, and half a dozen other factors just beginning to be understood.

Leave out one of these conditions and you may still have a trout stream, but it probably won't produce to capacity. Leave out many more and you can forget about the trout. They won't be there.

Trout streams have been shaped by the forces of nature. No amount of management can make one out of a stream that wasn't meant for it. But management can restore damaged streams. Beaver dams, cattle grazing, highway construction, pollution and floods all take their toll on trout habitat. You can measure the damage in higher water temperatures, caved-in stream banks, turbid water, or number of trout lost.

Habitat management can also make good streams better by increasing the number and size of trout. Some streams have all the required conditions but not in large enough doses. Here, management steps in to find out what's limiting trout production and takes up the slack.

More and better fishing opportunities are the final goal.

## The Trout Stamp

Money was always a problem in the habitat management program. There was never enough to go around. When Wisconsin's trout stamp came along, the situation made a quick turn for the better. Although talked about for over 30 years, it did not become official until 1977. That year, the State Legislature approved the special stamp, with all proceeds going to improve and maintain habitat on inland trout streams. A limitation is that work must pertain to the stream channel and its immediate surroundings. Habitat protection away from the stream is not included.

## Management Beyond The Stream

Streams are where the trout are and where the fishing is, too. But good management requires looking beyond the stream, often miles away, to the land that surrounds it, the watershed. What goes on there can have a profound effect on the stream and its trout population.

Pollution is a major concern, and much of it is a kind that can't be traced to any specific source. This is called non-point pollution. Agricultural chemicals, manure, silt and oil residues are examples, entering streams as runoff from farm fields, feed lots and highways. Trout can be affected directly through their body metabolism or indirectly, through deterioration of their habitat.

Flooding is also a problem, especially in hilly southwest and west central Wisconsin. Being the low point in a watershed, streams receive all rain that isn't trapped on the land. Land denuded of natural vegetation or improperly farmed will send this water gushing to the stream, often with disastrous results.

Too little water poses problems of a different sort. The springs, feeder streams, runoff and groundwater that supply trout streams are critical to their health. Both quantity and temperature of the water are important. Dams that cut off water or heat it up can mean big trouble. So can irrigation.

Although not funded by the trout stamp, watershed management is a high priority within the DNR. It takes several forms. DNR's permit system protects trout streams and their feeders from dams and excessive irrigation. Whenever possible, spring holes are purchased. Non-point pollution and flooding are being addressed through education and cooperation with landowners, with funding provided by the priority watershed program.

## Is Your Favorite Stream In Jeopardy?

Any physical altering of a stream requires specific permits and should be carefully supervised.

- Dredging
- Dam building
- Filling
- Pond building
- Irrigating
- Channelizing
- Straightening

These are all carefully controlled activities. If you see any suspicious activities going on in streams, please notify your local DNR office. If you are a land owner, please acquire the proper information prior to altering any streams.



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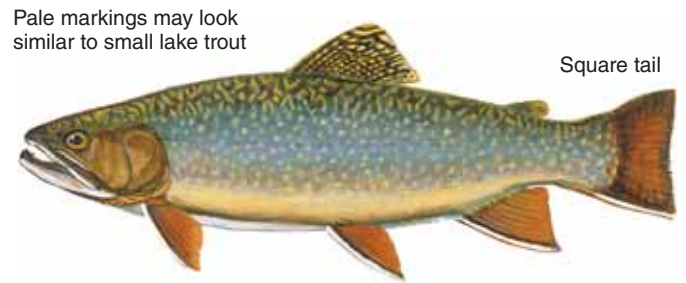
# Identifying Trout and Salmon

## Inland Trout

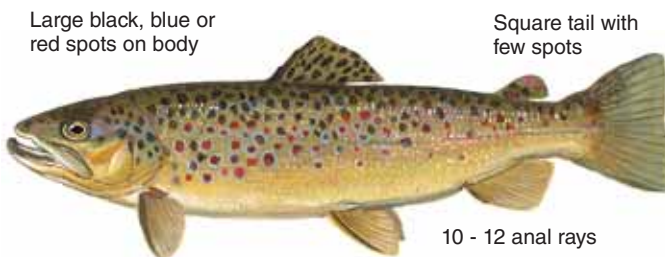
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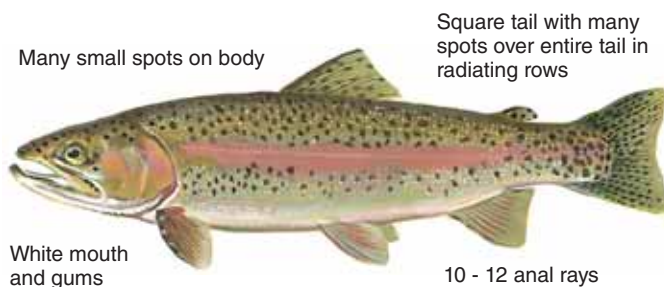
## Great Lakes Trout



### Brown Trout

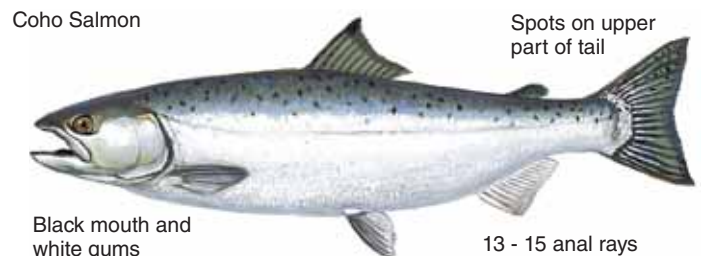
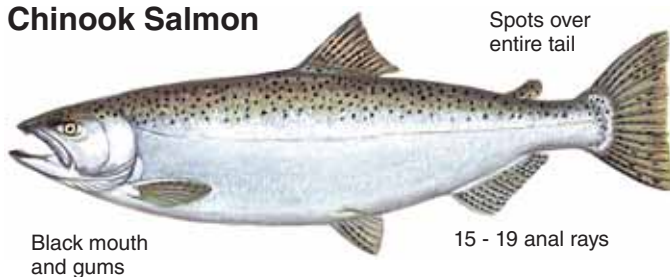


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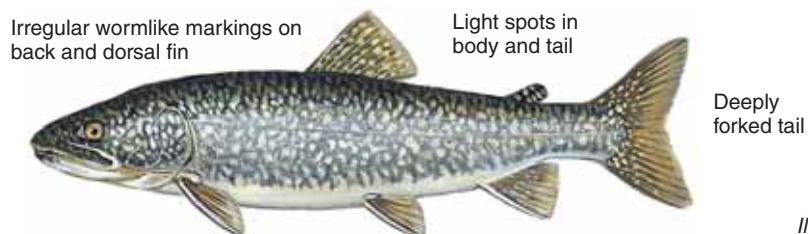


## Great Lakes Salmon and Lake Trout

### Chinook Salmon



### Lake Trout



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